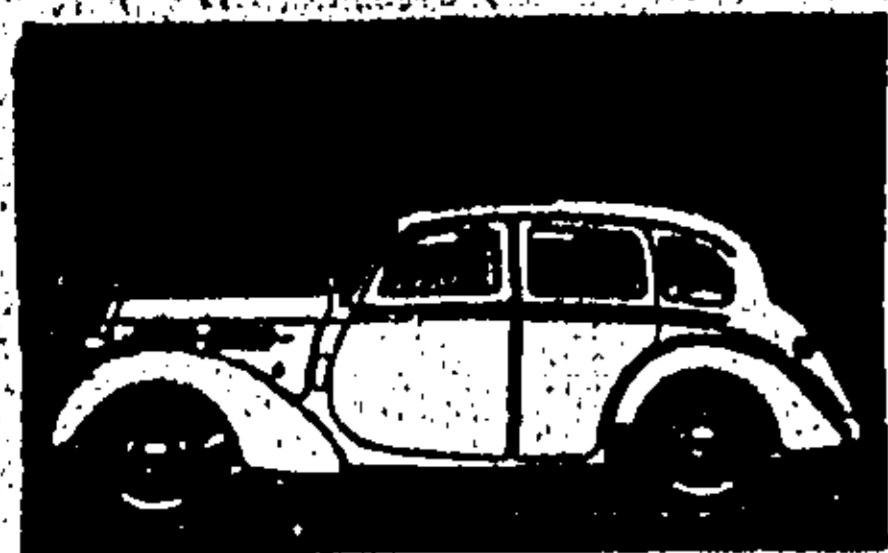


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CZECH TROOPS
ON BORDER

LATEST NEWS
FROM EUROPE

MARCH AT MIDNIGHT

Berlin, Mar. 14.
NAZI SOURCES predicted that German troops will enter Slovakia at midnight to support M. Tiso, and to protect their own nationals from alleged Czech terrorism.
Czechoslovakia has collapsed under military threat, and the Nazi "march eastward" has split into three independent States on the first anniversary of the seizure of Austria.
Firstly, Slovakia has proclaimed independence; secondly, Ruthenia in a broadcast proclaimed independence a few hours later; thirdly, Bohemia and Moravia remain under Czech rule, but only through Nazi suzerainty.
Britain and France maintained a "hands-off" policy and Italy applauded as Herr Hitler forces the "co-operation" of Prague.

40 CASUALTIES

Bratislava, Mar. 14.
It is unofficially reported from Czech that Czech troops killed approximately 40 Ukrainians and wounded many more while attempting to suppress independence demonstrations to-day.—United Press.

SLOVAK DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Bratislava, Mar. 14.
The Slovak Premier, Dr. Tiso, issued the following proclamation to the Slovak people to-day in connection with the declaration of independence (Continued on Page 4)

LATEST HUNGARY TO ANNEX RUTHENIA Announcement In Budapest

BUDAPEST, Mar. 14.
Hungary intends to annex Ruthenia, it was declared here this evening in authoritative quarters. This intention is clearly phrased in the following official declaration by the Hungarian Government:
"In consequence of the omissions of the Prague Government, which are to-day ascertainable, conditions of the Munich agreement have not been fulfilled. The territorial revisions provided for in the agreement have also been violated. With the Slovak declaration of independence, the problem of the so-called Carpatho-Ukraine demands immediate solution. Hungary has always maintained the standpoint of the self-determination of peoples, and it is upon this standpoint that she has always demanded Carpatho-Ukraine territory. The inhabitants of this district wish to return to Hungary. Thousands of appeals have been received by the Hungarian Government, all urging an immediate annexation of this territory to Hungary."
"Hungary also gazes longingly to the Carpatho-Ukraine district, since the key to security of the country lies to some extent there. We do not understand, in this connection, mere security in a military form or a geographical viewpoint, but primarily that protection which the Ruthenian forests afford to the Hungarian waterway system, and the low-lying plain district."
"Hungary cannot sit by with folded arms while a partly representing a political minority exploits those forests which represent the only source of wealth of the country. These forests have offered resistance to the elements and human depredations for centuries, and have protected the Hungarian plain."
"The Carpathian forest district guarantees the existence of 10,000,000 Hungarians and Hungary will take care that this guarantee falls into her own hands, and thus acquires a new protection."—Trans-Ocean.

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Why Armies March

RUTHENIA, an autonomous province inside the Czechoslovakian Republic, was Hungarian territory for 1,000 years until the end of the war.
Part of its 4,800 square miles, including Ushorod, the capital, and many of its 725,000 people were restored to Hungary by the Italo-German arbitration award in Vienna on November 2 last.
But both Poland and Hungary want Ruthenia restored to Hungary so that the two countries will have a common frontier.
Germany, on the other hand, wants an independent Ruthenia and Slovakia in order to provide an effective bulwark against Soviet Russia. If Ruthenia or Slovakia gain independence, they will effectively cut off the Czechs from Russia, and the Czechs will be then entirely at the mercy of a ring of hostile nations.
That is why the present situation is causing grave anxiety in Europe.

CRISIS IN COMMONS

No Action By Britain Necessary

LONDON, Mar. 14.
ANSWERING A private notice question by Mr. Clement Attlee in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain made a statement on Czechoslovakia.
The Premier outlined the events up to this morning, and added that he had not yet received official confirmation of the most recent press reports regarding the resignation of the Czech Government, and the independence of Slovakia.
Mr. Attlee asked what action the British Government would take in view of the guarantee entered into regarding the territorial integrity of Czechoslovakia, and whether they intended to consult with the other guarantors and with Prague in the light of the present situation.
Mr. Chamberlain said that the question of any action had not yet arisen.
MORAL OBLIGATIONS
Sir Archibald Sinclair asked whether the Government still regarded itself under a moral obligation with regard to the guarantee.
Mr. Chamberlain replied that the position in that respect had not undergone any change.
The Premier made no reply when asked by Mr. Wedgwood Benn, who was going to pay back the £50,000,000 which the Premier had issued to Czechoslovakia without Parliamentary authority.
[Replying to a further supplementary question by Mr. Attlee, Mr. Chamberlain reminded the House that the guarantee was one against unprovoked aggression against Czechoslovakia, and no such aggression had yet taken place.—Reuter.]
[Things practice will be carried out from West Port, Stonecutters Island between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. to-morrow.]

EUROPE SEETHING WITH RUMOURS OF TROOPINGS

BUDAPEST, MAR. 14.

HUNGARY'S ULTIMATUM TO PRAGUE, DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF CZECH TROOPS FROM RUTHENIA, AND THE RELEASE OF HUNGARIAN PRISONERS IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA, EXPIRES AT 2 A.M. G.M.T., (10 A.M. H.K.T.).

Hungary "declines to accept responsibility for the consequences" if the ultimatum is rejected, it was stated.

The ultimatum lists five demands:

- 1.—THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF HUNGARIAN PRISONERS;
- 2.—THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF THE PERSECUTION OF HUNGARIANS AND THE GRANT TO THEM OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANISE THEMSELVES;
- 3.—SUPPLY OF RIFLES TO THE HUNGARIAN PROTECTIVE ORGANISATIONS;
- 4.—THE WITHDRAWAL OF CZECH TROOPS FROM RUTHENIA TO BEGIN WITHIN 24 HOURS;
- 5.—FULL RESPECT FOR HUNGARIAN PROPERTY.—REUTER.

GERMANS INVADE MORAVIA

PRAGUE, Mar. 14.

OFFICIAL CZECH QUARTERS state that German troops have occupied Maerischowstrau, in Moravia, and official circles confirm that German troops are advancing as far as the town of Mistek.

Official circles in Berlin deny the Prague report.

It is officially stated in Berlin that President Hacha and M. Chvalovsky arrived in Berlin at 9.40 p.m. G.M.T. to-day.

RUTHENIAN INDEPENDENCE

Meanwhile the Ukrainian News Service confirms that Ruthenia has declared its independence, and adds that a new Cabinet has been chosen, with the whole of the country in the hands of Ukrainians.

An earlier report from Berlin stated that well-informed circles there generally believed that German troops were ready to march into Czechoslovakia during the night if necessary.

The figure of 14 divisions is mentioned, but no official or reliable confirmation of this was forthcoming.—Reuter.

ALTER MAP OF EUROPE

BERLIN, Mar. 14.

GERMANY IS EXPECTED to take action to-night which will alter the map of Europe, as M. Tiso's request for Hitler's help is taken here to mean that German troops will march into Slovakia, probably to-night, to restore order and to clarify M. Tiso's position.

The fate of the Czechs depends on the visit here of President Hacha and M. Chvalovsky, who it is stated, will be received by Herr Hitler, in the presence of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop and Field-Marshal Hermann Goering.

It is understood that President Hacha is coming to Berlin on his own responsibility.

The whole country is seething with rumours of troop movements. It is said that altogether, 40 divisions are in position for potential mobility, while 14 divisions have been detailed for possible immediate action.

Two motorised divisions are reported to have left Breslau for the southern Silesian frontier, and large sections of the Berlin-Vienna motor road is closed to civil traffic.

Nazi motor corps—a motorised semi-military organisation—left Munich for the frontier.

The requisitioning of private cars has started in Munich.—Reuter.

WITHDRAW TROOPS DEMAND

BERLIN, Mar. 14.

ACCORDING to a Chust telegram broadcast over the German radio, the Ruthenian Government has asked the Central Government at Prague for the withdrawal of all Czech troops from Ruthenian territory.

It was added that no reply has yet been received.

German radio reports also state that the advance of Hungarian troops into Ruthenia is proceeding, and it gives a Budapest report that Hungarian troops have occupied the town of Svalava, north of Munkacs.

A Warsaw message says that it is officially announced that Polish military detachments on the Polish-Ruthenian frontier are being strengthened.

Meanwhile, according to a Prague report, it is reliably learned that the Government has ordered the return of Czech troops from Ruthenia in compliance with the Hungarian ultimatum.

BRIDGES BLOWN UP Retarding Advance Of Hungarians

BUDAPEST, Mar. 14.

CZECH TROOPS blew up the railway line to-day between Salank and Peketepatak, south-east of Munkacs in order to check the advance of Hungarian troops.

Hungarian border troops were attacked by Czechs with machine guns and hand grenades. The Hungarians returned the fire. Czech forces attempting to cross the demarcation line near Barkazo were repulsed by Hungarians, who suffered two wounded.

The Czechs have arrested two prominent leaders of the Hungarian Party in Slovakia, Count Michael Csaky, and his brother, Count August Csaky.

A Berlin report says that one German was killed and six wounded at Stungern in the Igau district of Moravia, when Czech police fired on German demonstrators who were protesting against the arrest of local German leaders.

A Communist mob stormed the homes of numerous Germans in Pilsen, demolishing furniture, and maltreating the inmates. Four were seriously injured.—Trans-Ocean.

SKIRMISH NEAR DUBNA

Vladivostok, Mar. 14.

Strong detachments of Czechs with tanks and heavy artillery were seen this afternoon on the road across the Tatra mountains from Sillein to Vrutky, advancing eastward on Slovakia.
A skirmish occurred about 2 p.m. between Czech infantry and Slovak soldiers belonging to Czech regiments who wanted to prevent occupation of the important railway junction at Dubna Skala by the Czechs.
A Slovakian detachment of engineers is said to have blown up a bridge near Dubna Skala.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW BRITISH NOTE TO THE JAPANESE

LONDON, Mar. 14.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is considering a new protest to Japan on the basis of information, presumably discovered by the secret service, alleging that pro-Japanese elements in Tientsin had created a special organisation for the perpetration of terrorist acts inside the foreign concessions.—Reuter.

RELIEF IN CHINA

Growth Of British Fund Shown

LONDON, Mar. 14.

PRESIDING AT the general committee meeting of the British Fund for the relief of Chinese distress, the Earl of Donoughmore announced that since the fund was opened on October 1, 1937, subscriptions totalling £177,338 had been received.

For the past six weeks, money had been coming in at an average of over £1,300 a week. Administrative expenses in England were only a trifle over two per cent.

Dr. H. G. Thompson, the secretary of the fund, pointed out that in addition to money, the fund had received many valuable gifts, including several tons of ether and chloroform, £1,000 worth of stainless steel surgical instruments from Sheffield manufacturers, and over 2,000 pieces of clothing, which had been shipped to China.

He also mentioned the great value of free transportation, which had been given by shipping companies, the cost of which would otherwise have eaten deeply into the fund.—Reuter.

Mexican Oil Appropriations

Mexico City, Mar. 14.

Mr. Richberg, representing foreign oil interests in negotiations with the Government over the expropriations, had a conversation lasting an hour and a half with President Cardenas to-day, covering important topics.

The conversations were then adjourned until to-morrow.
Mr. Richberg said that if conditions were reached in the next two days, he would make a statement that would end many unfounded rumours.

He expects to leave for Washington next week, and if necessary, will return to Mexico.—Reuter.

Palestine Parleys

British Plans Will Be Disclosed

LONDON, Mar. 14.

REUTERS UNDERSTANDS that a meeting of the Arab delegates to the Palestine conference has been called for 4 p.m. to-morrow, when the British Government will lay before them the conclusions reached as a result of the past five weeks' consultations on the Palestine problem.

A second meeting with the whole of the Jewish delegation will be held for the same purpose at 8 p.m. to-morrow.
Both meetings will be at St. James' Palace, and it is anticipated that the final conclusions will be submitted to the British Cabinet at the weekly meeting to-morrow morning.—Reuter.

DEFENCE 'DICTATORS' ARE ALREADY CHOSEN

And They Are Not Civil Servants

IT is understood that ten of Britain's twelve defence dictators have been chosen.

All will be men whose names are household words and they will not be Civil Servants. They will be men who have proved their organising ability in other fields.

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Some may have made their names in the Services. Others will come direct from industry. None will at first be paid, but their expenses will be met.

The Defence dictators will have wide powers of control in their own areas.

They will control transport, public order, food supplies, and evacuation plans.

If, during war, communication with central headquarters is cut off, they will have complete control as the authorised Government representatives.

Girl Tames Red Fox

Boston. Seven-year-old Gladys Turner has for a pet a red fox, captured only four months ago by two hunters in nearby woods. So tame is the fox now that Gladys takes it for a daily walk—on a leash—along Main street.

Ticket Fund

Philadelphia. The will of Mrs. Emma Schubert Brister, harpist and only woman member of the Philadelphia Amateur Orchestra which preceded the Philadelphia Orchestra, bequeathed \$2,000 to the orchestra, the income to be used to purchase concert tickets for music students.

M.P.s Call For Ban On Dog Fights

M.P.s are to make a determined effort to put a stop to the scandal of secret dog fights which are being held regularly on lonely moorlands all over Britain.

Sir Robert Vaughan Gower, M.P. for Gillingham and head of the R.S.P.C.A. and the National Canine Defence League, was recently planning the campaign from his sick-bed in Tunbridge Wells. He will raise the matter in the Commons.

Among the M.P.s who will support him are Sir Cooper Rawson, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. H. G. Williams and Mr. A. A. Somerville.

Mr. R. H. Johns, assistant secretary of the National Canine Defence League, told how valuable dogs are torn to bits in organised fights and of the elaborate precautions taken to keep the "meets" secret.

"Big money—sometimes £10—is gambled on the result of the fights," he said.

"They are usually held on the moorlands, and a 14ft. square pit is used."

"The home of dog-fighting is in Staffordshire, but others are held regularly on the Sussex Downs, in Dorset, and round Plymouth."

"The dogs used are specially trained terriers, born fighters. "Some of them are given forocious names such as 'Jack the Ripper' and 'The Killer.' Sometimes, added Mr. Johns, a dog



When Joan Blandell of the home and becomes Mrs. Dick-Powell, delight of her life is her young son, Norman Scott Powell, 4, who gazes at her, above, with a "You're telling me" air. He is the son of her former husband, George Barnes, but was adopted by Powell after their marriage.

was so badly injured that it was thrown into a river to hide traces of the "meet."

Knocking "Chunks" Off The Atom

SCIENTISTS at Cambridge and Liverpool who are busy these days smashing atoms, looked up recently from their work of destruction to note that Columbia University physicists have just split an uranium atom "to cause the largest terrestrial conversion of mass into energy on record."

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Even the scientists don't know. The Columbia experiment simply marks one more stage in atomic research and the confirmation of certain other experiments carried out in Berlin.

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"The only practical application of this research that we can see at present is to certain fields of clinical medicine," Dr. J. D. Cockcroft, one of the two men who in 1932 shared the honour of splitting the atom, said.

With atom smashing apparatus radium action iodine, iron and sodium have been produced, and in America these substances are being used for the experimental treatments of cancer, anaemia and other diseases.

Experts here are experimenting with these substances, but doctors have not yet applied them to clinical treatment on this side of the Atlantic.

"BIGGER CHUNKS"

Scientists in the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge, where the atom was smashed by Dr. Cockcroft, were working on the uranium atom when news came that it had been split at Columbia University.

"So far, it has been possible only to split little bits off the uranium atom by bombarding it with neutrons," explained Dr. Cockcroft. "Now it seems that you can split it into much bigger chunks."

The New York Correspondent states that a huge piece of apparatus weighing 75 tons was used to split the uranium atom.

The Columbia professors found they had released two atomic "cannon balls" each containing the tremendous energy of one hundred million electron volts. The remarkable point was the low energy needed to produce such fantastic results. Earlier experiments in Berlin were carried out by Professor Otto Hahn, of Berlin, and Dr. L. Meitner, a woman physicist who is working in Sweden now because she was expelled from Germany for racial reasons.

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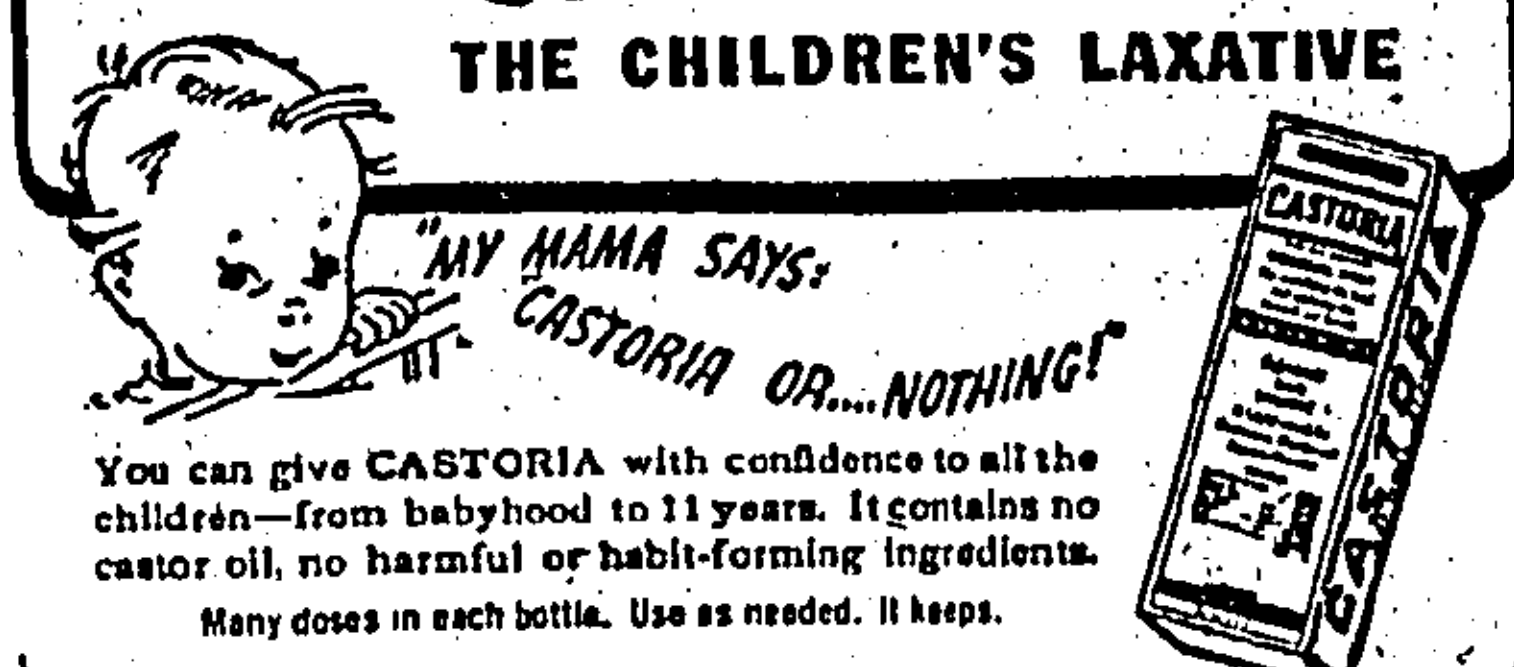


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Biddenden, Kent.
THE village of Biddenden has had "Jitterbugs" of its own. But recently they disappeared—when it was seen that decorators and servants were busy again at the ex-King of Siam's 400-year-old Country Home.

Prince Prajadhipok (as they call him) is in Egypt, and Biddenden feared that the rioting in Bangkok meant that their royal squire might be returning to the throne he abdicated in 1935.

Although the Forgotten King to the rest of the world, here in this beautiful corner of Kent he is known and loved for his generosity and kindness.

He would be the typical country squire, but for one thing—instead of hunters in his stables he keeps a fleet of five cars.

Although he has never been seen astride a horse, this little hunting community has often met him pedalling along the narrow lanes on his bicycle.

Local trade has improved greatly since he and his consort, ex-Queen Rambal arrived.

FAIR TRADE

Instead of sending away for food to the nearest big town, the owners of Vane Court buy from the little village shops.

To be fair, they buy from one grocery store one week, and the other the next.

Frequently they buy home-made chocolates from the village cafe, and have on occasions had a light meal in its little parlour.

Completely unglorified where food is concerned, they enjoy a full English breakfast at Vane Court—eggs and bacon, marmalade and toast.

During the summer the tiny Siamese squire presented trophies at the local flower show and gymnastics.

He is a generous man with subscriptions, too. His staunchest admirer in Biddenden is four-years-old Olwen Evans, his caretaker's little girl.

Whenever Olwen sees the ex-King, she salutes, and sometimes he gives her Siamese lessons.

"Dirty hands," "teu," her own name, "Ewin," and the days of the week, "I want him to come back quickly," she said.

In his compact, stone-floored house, where a staff of nine servants is kept (including four Siamese), the ex-King leads a quiet life, rarely entertaining.

He takes a great interest in his ducks and fowl, which he keeps in a big, well-planned ornamental pool.

DOG COMPANION

Both good tennis players, the royal couple are also skilled table tennis enthusiasts and spend many hours at the table.

Most evenings, however, they read quietly or switch on the television.

The ex-King's only dog is Sam, a young Alredale, and the two can often be seen roaming the quiet Kentish lanes.

When they see him striding along in his tweeds, the villagers are sure he will never take on again his title of Keeper of the Twenty-four Golden

Made A Fortune Out Of 'Flu

SIX FEET three inches tall, Mr. Charles Kahn, the man who made a fortune out of 'flu recently arrived in England from New York.

The big handkerchief firm of which he is president hit on the idea years ago of selling a handkerchief in a hermetically sealed package. Sneezing Americans bought them by the million. It made Mr. Kahn.

At the age of 36 he is now a wealthy young man.

At Grosvenor House he said: "These are the days of bold colours in handkerchiefs for men and women. This year handkerchiefs will be bigger than ever—in the United States, at any rate. Colours are going to be more vivid to match the expected increase in colour in men's clothes."

How many handkerchiefs do you carry?

Mr. Kahn (as a manufacturer he may be a little biased) thinks men should carry four—one for show and one for use in the jacket, and two more for the overcoat.

Women, he says, should have three handkerchiefs (one for show, one to use, and one for lipstick), and a different colour for luncheon, for cocktail hour and for dinner.

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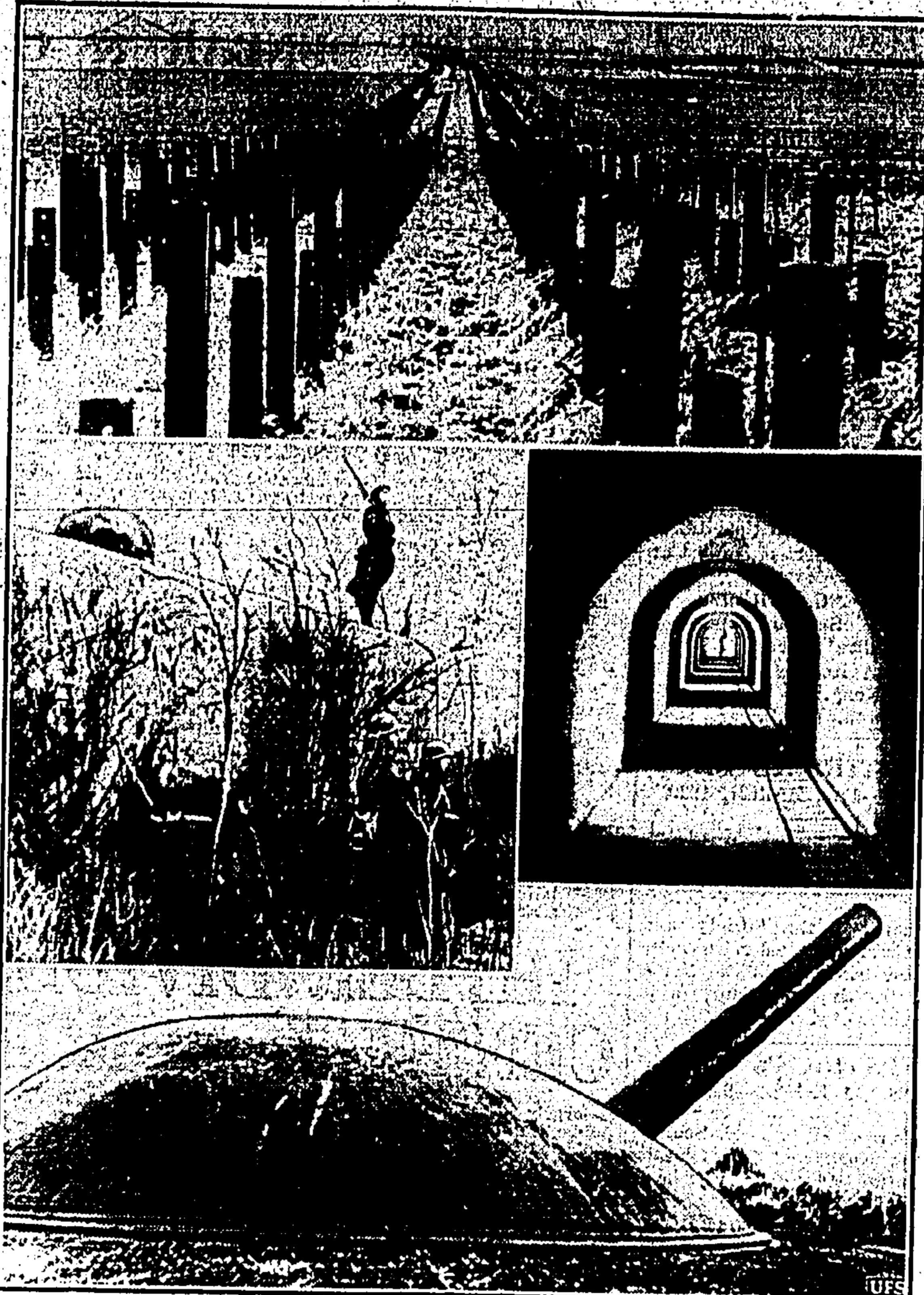
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While the God of War grins and European nations rush to arms, Belgium prepares to defend herself against a violation similar to that of 29 years ago. A vast network of defences now stretches along her eastern frontier from the Alps to the sea. These pictures, taken by special permission of Belgian Army Headquarters, illustrate her preparedness. Top, barbed wire entanglements and tank traps along the frontier, which has been mined. Left centre, sentries at a blockhouse in the line. Right centre, interior of one of the tunnels that stretch for miles under the frontier. Bottom, heavy artillery gun emplacement.

Rajah Of Sarawak To Open Studio

LONDON.

The Rajah of Sarawak is reported to be planning to open a film studio in England.

His final decision, according to the Sunday Chronicle, depends on the success of his daughter, Mrs. Bob Gregory, in her part of a hoochy-koochy dancer in the Hollywood production "You Can't Cheat An Honest Man."

If she makes good, the report continues, she will become reconciled with her father and will be the star of a million-dollar production.

Hollywood claims to have made her looks and ability into assets greater than her name. She was chosen from over 30 others after screen tests for the part of the hoochy-koochy dancer.

X-Ray Of Flies May Conquer Cancer Secrets

X-RAY treatments on hundreds of fruit-flies, now being carried out at the Genetics Department of Edinburgh University, may be of great significance in the development of cancer research, and even on the future course of humanity.

In a special interview, Professor Muller, late of California University U.S.A., who is supervising the work, explained that the experiments were being made with a view to throwing light on the problem of mutations—changes in the tiny hereditary particles known as "genes," which really form the basis of life.

The fruit-fly "Drosophila" illustrates these mutations. It usually has red eyes and a grey body.

Mutations give it white, pink or miniature eyes, no eyes at all, curved wings, short wings or rudimentary wings, an extra pair of legs and different degrees of fertility or length of life.

Until recently," said Professor Muller, "these changes occurring in the hereditary constitution of a species were a complete mystery. They just happened very rarely."

"It was discovered, however, that they could be produced by X-rays, and it is on this line that our experiments are being conducted."

"While it was thought by radiologists that radiation below a certain intensity would not have any effect, we have proved from our experiments on this fly that extremely low radiation, allowed to accumulate over a long period, gives the same effect as a large quantity."

"This conclusion is of immense importance to radiologists treating cancer, who are subject to slight doses of radiation, since it would be highly undesirable to have mutations produced in their germ cells that might give rise to abnormal human beings in the future."

"In this connection the question also arises: Are cancers themselves produced by mutations? For X-rays produce cancer in as well as check it, and X-rays produce mutations."

"If that were true," said the Professor, "then the study of conditions which favour mutations would be of great interest to cancer students."

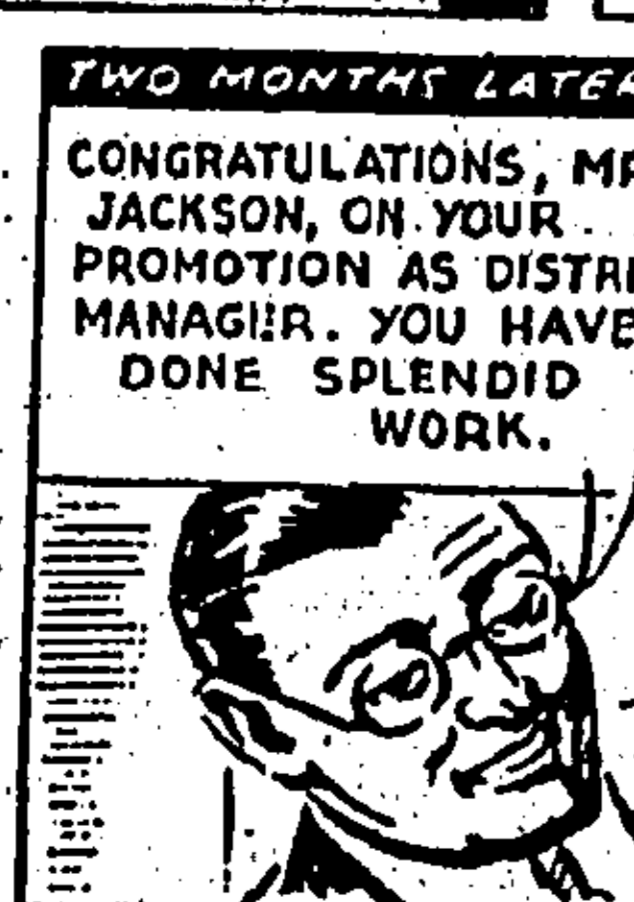
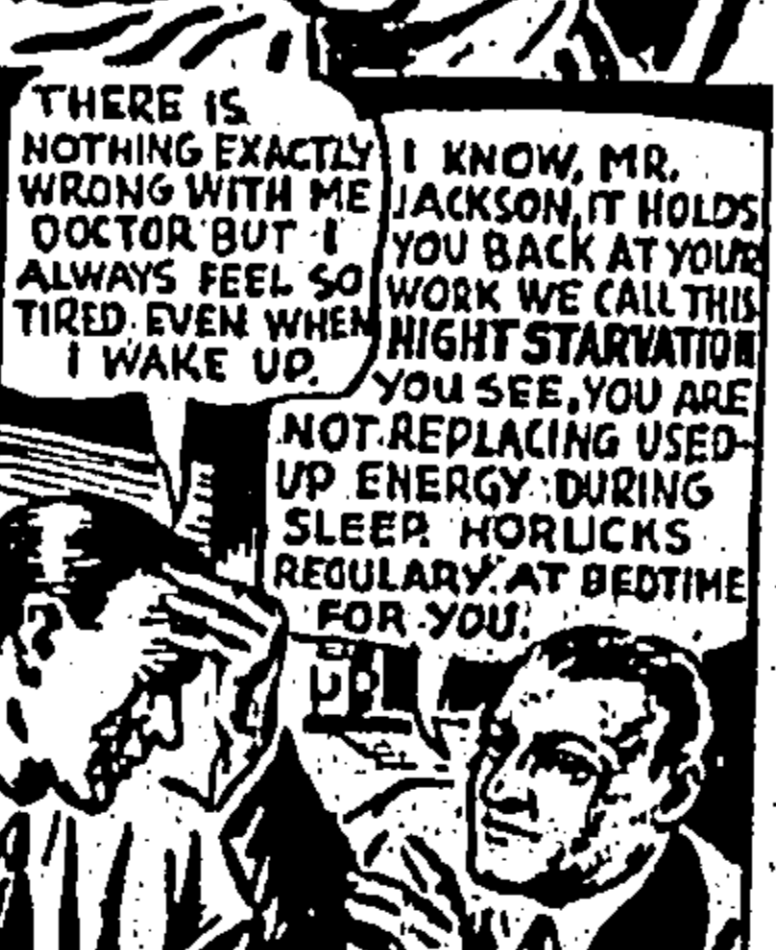
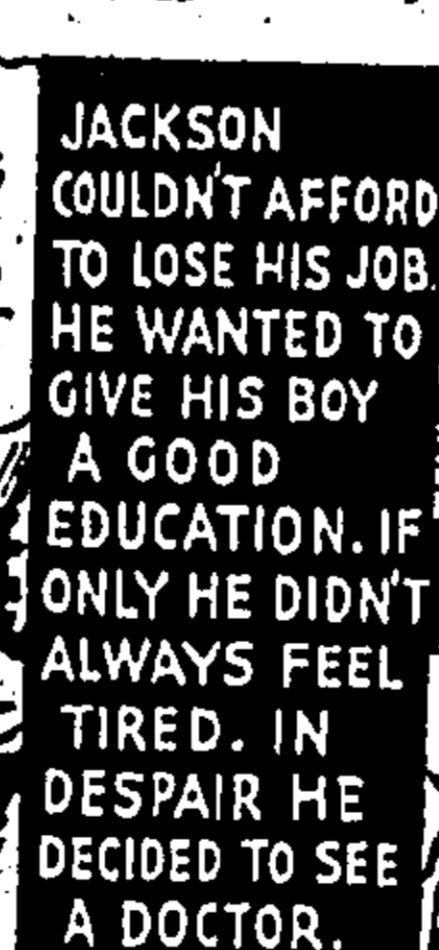
Professor Muller is the author of the recent book, "Out of the Night," a biologist's view of the future, in which he claimed that by the control of the genes we might raise the level of humanity to that of the genius—the reason why these experiments may be of great significance to the future course of humanity.

The Animal Genetics Department of Edinburgh University, which is solely concerned with determining to what extent genetics or constitution alter the character of any given species, invited Professor Muller, over from America specially to make a study of the genetics of the fruit-fly "Drosophila."

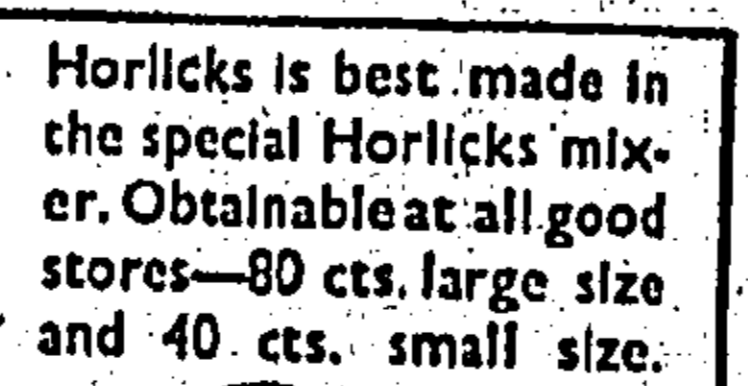
Chicken Thief "Sprinkled"

Wyandotte, Col. Alfred Renaud believes that somewhere in the state there is a chicken thief who is picking No. 7½ shot out of his epidemic with the aid of a double mirror arrangement. In any event, he said that each time he shot, the thief jumped—and also kept going.

His child's future nearly ruined by NIGHT STARVATION



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The right laxative for a youngster is a child's laxative—not something intended for grown-ups. When a child fights against taking such doses, he probably has good cause. The taste may be offensive, or the action harsh and disagreeable.

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MARCH AT MIDNIGHT

(Continued from Page 1.)

junction with the declaration of independence. At this extremely grave moment, we, the authorized representatives of the Slovak people, address ourselves to you, and to all the peoples of the world who are free, and thus appreciate this value of national liberty.

"Events have transpired during the past few days on the soil of our homeland under pressure of armed Czech power which violate the most natural laws of humanity and nations. The object in all of this was to deprive our people of that which they had gained at great sacrifice. The intention was to place us again under a yoke that would not be lighter than the one we formerly bore.

ALL IN VAIN
"We did everything in our power to achieve a solution which would be acceptable to us and to the Czech people. We were willing to deprive ourselves of many things to which we had a legitimate right, in order to come to an understanding with the Czechs. All of our endeavours were in vain.

"The political representatives of the Czech people believed that through various measures they could force us to capitulate. The President of the Republic dismissed in an unconstitutional manner the Slovak national Government on the night of March 9. This act is intolerable both from the political and legal viewpoint, because the Slovak Diet voted its confidence in the National Government on February 23. Nor do paragraphs in the Constitution dealing with the autonomy of Slovakia give the President the right to dismiss the Slovak National Government on the basis of a one-sided decision, and to appoint a new body.

AUTONOMY ABOLISHED
"The autonomy of Slovakia which was promised to us a long time ago, and finally granted by Law last autumn, has been abolished. Through this act, however, relations between the Slovak and Czech peoples lost their constitutional basis. The Prague Government turned to armed force and thus created a situation which was long incompatible with the relations between peoples of equal rights, but on the other hand signifies a Czech dictatorship over us, and an attempt to compel us to submit.

"History will prove that our conscience is clear and that God is our witness that we wished only for the best.

"The responsible leaders of the Czech people replied to our goodwill with force. Against the Czech people we have no grievance, but this nation is governed by men who have learnt nothing from the past. The enemy of our national destiny is great, but God in his justice, is greater, and he will not forsake us in this very grave hour of our national existence.

POLITICAL DEATH
"The day has arrived when we must take the destiny of our people into our own hands if we wish to rescue the nation from political death. If we desire to secure the future for our people, we must terminate mutual political life with the Czech nation, and we have therefore resolved to claim complete independence for our Slovak people.

"We are convinced that this step is in the interests of peaceful relations between the Czech and Slovak people, of the God-given right of self-determination for all nations, of order in Slovakia and central Europe, and especially of the future of our own beloved Slovak people.

"As the duly authorized representatives of the Slovak people, we herewith exercise our sovereign right, and declare the independence of Slovakia."

At the conclusion of his declaration, Dr. Tiso asked the people to maintain discipline and order, ending the proclamation with the words: "So God help us."—Trans-Ocean.

HEALTH BULLETINS

Small-Pox Continues In Colony's Returns

Three cases of Small-pox, two each of Diphtheria, Chicken-pox, and Dystentery, eight Typhoid, 27 of Tuberculosis, 11 of Measles, and six of Meningitis, were reported on Monday.

The weekly return shows the following notifiable diseases: 13 cases of Small-pox, 11 of Diphtheria, 27 of Typhoid with four deaths, 60 of Measles with 33 deaths, 12 of Chicken-pox with two deaths (one imported), 36 of Meningitis with nine deaths, 18 of Dystentery with seven deaths, and 170 of Tuberculosis with 34 deaths.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers, The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1939.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. The Old City Hall, Queen's Road C. Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

There were four weddings at the Registry yesterday, Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiating at each ceremony. Assistant of the South Western Transportation Co. Mr. Wu Wen-chow, married Miss Betty Ho Tso-yim, of 4 Dragon Terrace. The witnesses were Messrs. T. S. Ho and Wu Lim-po.

Mr. Tsui Zui-lo, merchant, married Miss Tung Ling-yung, of 24 Ice House Street. The witnesses were Mrs. Lim Shu-kwon and Mr. To Chiu-sing.

Mr. Tse Wing-lu, clerk, married Miss Fung Miu-yung, stenographer, of 26 Tai Hang Road. The witnesses were Messrs. Fung Yung-chi and Tse Sau-yeung.

Mr. Wu Do-ay, merchant, married Miss Tai Kit-man, of 130 Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo. The witnesses were Messrs. Ng Sui and Tai Yuet-po.

SOON TO WED

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. William Henry George Hirst, civil servant, and Miss Ethel Florence Mudd, school teacher, of 216 Prince Edward Road; Mr. William Darby (widower), Salvation Army Officer, of 73 British Concession, Shameen, Canton, and Mrs. Violet Elizabeth Elliott (widow), Salvation Army Officer, of 70 Singapore Road, Tientsin.

Mr. Harry Con Fu, merchant, and Miss Rachel Yim, of 107 Des Voeux Road, Central; Mr. Tsang Ching-por, ticket collector, of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and Miss Li Yee-pling, of 152 Fa Yuen Street, Kowloon.

AQUARIUM SOCIETY

May be Absorbed Soon In Natural History Group

A general meeting of the Aquarium Society was held in a room on the third floor of the Bank of East Asia Building yesterday. Mr. R. E. Slattery, acting as President in the absence of Dr. G. A. Herklotz, presided.

Mr. Slattery said that he was glad to see that although enthusiasm on the part of some members seemed to have fallen, there were still a good few who took a keen interest in the Society.

G. S. R.

1939-1940.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1939, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Poultry, Pork, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and other provisions and necessities, for the year ending 31st March, 1940.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the Royal Naval Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

G. V. HOBS, Surgeon Captain, Medical Officer in Charge, Royal Naval Hospital, Hong Kong, 15th March, 1939.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FRIDAY—17th MARCH, 1939.

A wreath will be laid at the GENOTAPH by the President and Committee of St. Patrick's at 11.00 a.m.

Members of the Society and their friends are asked to assemble under the verandah at the North side of the Supreme Court prior to the ceremony.

ST. PATRICK'S BALL PENINSULA HOTEL—9.30 p.m.

Members of St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong and their guests are informed that there will be a Special FIVE MINUTES-Service of "STAR" FERRIES from HONG KONG to KOWLOON between 9.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on 17th March and SPECIAL FERRIES from KOWLOON to HONG KONG at 2.00 a.m., 2.45 a.m. and 3.15 a.m. on the following morning. The last ordinary Ferry leaves at 1.15 a.m.

A BUFFET SUPPER will be served from 11.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Tables may be booked with the Management of the Peninsula Hotel before 7.00 p.m. on the night of the Ball.

Admission to the Ball is by ticket only which is to be presented at the MAIN ENTRANCE to the Hotel.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. P. J. A. Hamilton, Hon. Treasurer, P.O. Box 417 or Harbour View Hotel, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

B. H. C. HALLOWES, Hon. Secretary, St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong, P.O. Box 417.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager, Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

said that the finances of the Society have remained somewhat dormant since the same time last year. However, there was cash in hand. He wished to retire from his present post, which he had held for the past three years.

Mr. Pereira also said that before Dr. Herklotz had left he had said that when he returned he intended to make a Natural History Society with the Aquarium Society as a part.

Mr. B. E. Sugars, the Vice-President, suggested that pending the return of Dr. Herklotz the matter of subscriptions should be waived and members be invited to co-operate in arranging programmes of lectures, etc. The suggestion was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. R. Pestonji and Mr. B. E. Sugars were elected to audit the accounts presented by Mr. Pereira.

Officers elected for the in-coming year were as follows: Mr. R. E. Slattery (President), Mr. B. E. Sugars (Hon. Secretary), and Mrs. B. E. Sugars (Hon. Treasurer).

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MARCH 15, 1939.

FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

STOCKS: Cement production during February was 40.6 per cent. and shipments were 10.2 per cent. over those of the corresponding month of last year.

The President has asked for \$150,000,000 additional Relief funds.

Air traffic during February was 15 per cent. over that of the same month of 1938.

Argentine Government-owned railways are negotiating a barter arrangement with Germany for railway materials in exchange for 100,000 tons of wheat.

The Georgia Legislature has defeated the increased chain store tax.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938 Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Yr. 31/12 \$1,200,000 International Nickel Yr. 31/12 \$2.05 North American Company Yr. 31/12 \$1.55

The Union Carbide & Carbon Corporation's 1938 earnings are estimated at \$2.75 per share. The first-quarter's earnings this year are estimated at \$0.60 per share.

RUBBER: Consumption of rubber during February was 77 per cent. over the corresponding month of 1938.

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HITLER DIVIDES CENTRAL EUROPE

is largely at a standstill, and the public is rather perplexed by the rapid current events.

A Budapest report says that a series of incidents have occurred on the frontier and within Rutenia. In some cases, it is alleged, Czech-Slovak troops have been involved, and Hungarians are alleged to have been ill-treated.

In the meantime, a Berlin cable says that Field-Marshal Hermann Goering arrived in Berlin from Italy where he had been spending a holiday. He arrived by special train, and drove straight to the Chancellery, and was immediately conducted to Herr Hitler's study, where the Fuehrer awaited him.

INDEPENDENCE PROCLAIMED
Bratislava, Mar. 14. The German Party spokesman today officially confirmed the proclamation of Slovakian independence, and simultaneously announced that the Hlinka Guards had taken the oath of independence.

He said that the word "Republic" was not used in any proclamation of independence previously in the Diet. M. Tiso formally made the declaration of independence, which the Diet unanimously approved.

It is reported that immediately afterwards, Jews began to flee to Moravia in large numbers.—United Press.

"DIVIDE AND CONQUER"

London, Mar. 14. Britain and France kept their hands off to-day while Herr Hitler, on the first anniversary of the seizure of Austria, began to "divide and conquer" Central Europe.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the proposed British guarantee of Czechoslovakia was against unprovoked aggression "which had not taken place."

The democrats took the position that the four-power guarantee of the Czechoslovak frontier had never actually been effected, and the question of Slovakian independence was an internal affair, despite the obvious Nazi inspiration.—United Press.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 14.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
Mar.	8.00 7/8	8.74 7/8
May	8.40 4/8	8.34 3/4
July	8.10 1/8	8.12 1/8
Oct.	7.77 7/8	7.75 7/8
Dec.	7.74 7/8	7.69 7/8
Jan.	7.72 7/8	7.69 7/8

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The last Notice day for March Cotton is March 17th.

New York Rubber

	16.50/59	16.52/52
Mar.	16.43/48 <td>16.40/40</td>	16.40/40
May	16.43/44 <td>16.40/40</td>	16.40/40
Dec.	16.43/44 <td>16.40/40</td>	16.40/40

To-day Sales—400 tons.
The last Notice day for March Rubber is March 29th.

Chicago Wheat

	07 1/2/07 1/2	07 1/4/07 1/4
May	07 1/2/07 1/2 <td>07 1/4/07 1/4 </td>	07 1/4/07 1/4
July	07 1/2/07 1/2 <td>07 1/4/07 1/4 </td>	07 1/4/07 1/4
Sept.	07 1/2/07 1/2 <td>07 1/4/07 1/4 </td>	07 1/4/07 1/4

Monday's Sales—2,020,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

	48 1/4/48	47 1/4/48
May	48 1/4/48 <td>47 1/4/48 </td>	47 1/4/48
July	48 1/4/48 <td>47 1/4/48 </td>	47 1/4/48
Sept.	48 1/4/48 <td>47 1/4/48 </td>	47 1/4/48

Winnipeg Wheat

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May	00 1/2/00 <td>00 1/4/00 </td>	00 1/4/00
July	00 1/2/00 <td>00 1/4/00 </td>	00 1/4/00
Sept.	00 1/2/00 <td>00 1/4/00 </td>	00 1/4/00

NO POLICE PERMIT

Name Of Red Cross Money Collected In

Charged with collecting money for charitable purposes without the written permission of the Commissioner of Police, Pau Yau-ling, 39, unemphatically, was fined \$20 by Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

According to Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham, defendant went on board the Jardine steamer Tai Sang towards the end of November, and presented a book to Mr. S. Wilson, the Chief Engineer, at the same time saying he was collecting money on behalf of the China Red Cross Society. He obtained \$5 from Mr. Wilson.

On January 22, he visited the ship again and obtained another \$5 from Mr. Wilson. After this, information was received by the police that people were going round collecting money for the Society, and all ships along the coast were warned by Mr. Kirby, Secretary of the Marine Officers' Guild.

Defendant paid another visit to the Tai Sang on March 5, and as a result of the warning he had received Mr. Wilson had him arrested. Defendant's house was subsequently searched and a number of envelopes addressed to captains of various steamers and containing letters referring to the relief of suffering humanity were found. A newspaper clipping with the names of captains of steamers along the coast was also discovered.

After looking at the envelopes, his Worship remarked that some Japanese steamers were included.

Sub-Inspector Cunningham added that the reason why no further charges were brought against the defendant was because the other ships involved were at present not in the waters of the Colony. From a casual check of some of the papers in defendant's possession, he had received at least \$100 between November and up to the date of his arrest. There was nothing to show defendant was not connected with the Society, but on the other hand no proof had been furnished that he was.

Mr. S. Ng Quan pleaded guilty on behalf of the defendant, and said that his client collected the money with one S. H. Lee on behalf of a certain Mr. Wong, who was now in Chungking. The money was handed to Lee, who was not in the Colony at the moment, and he in turn forwarded it to Wong in Chungking.

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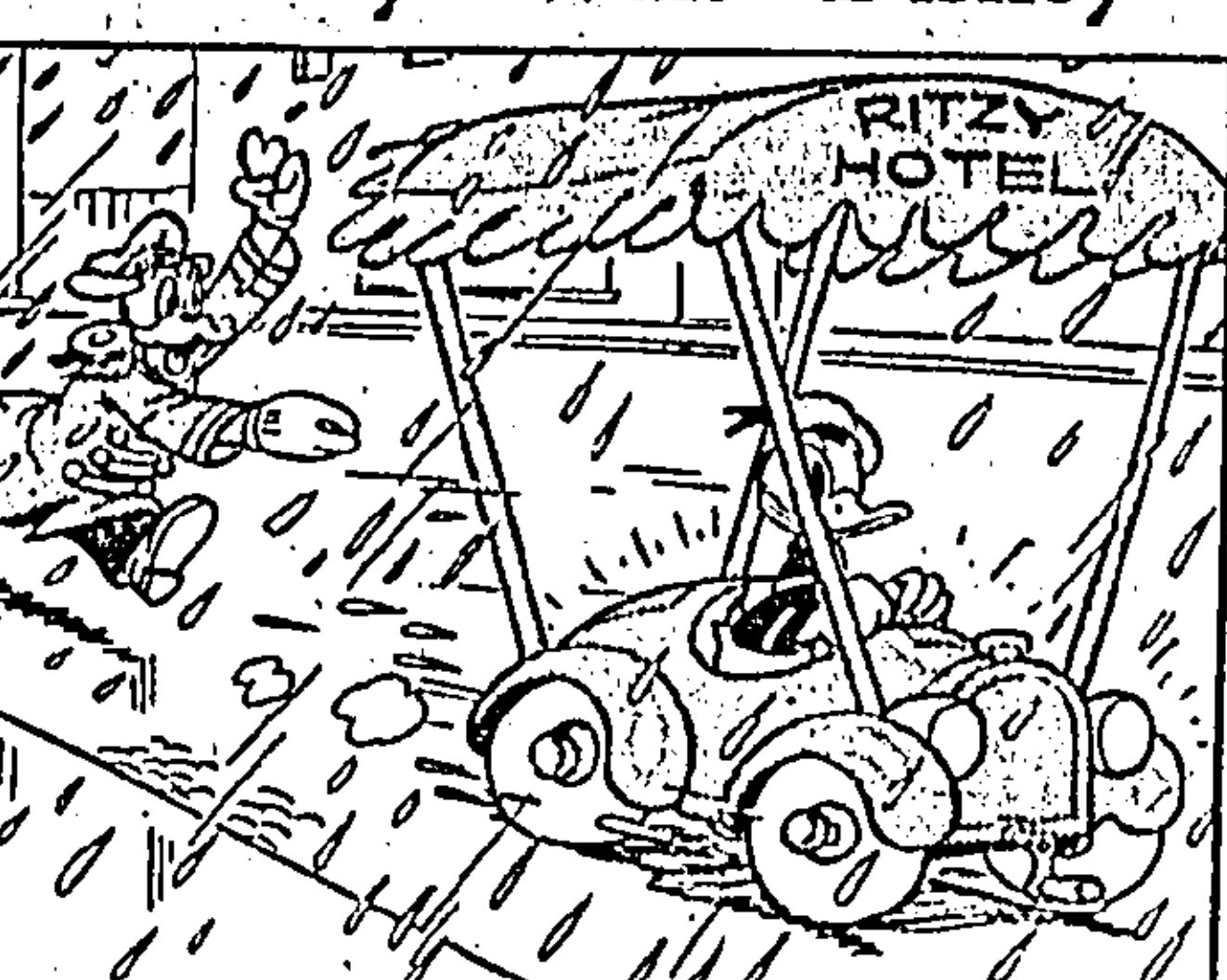
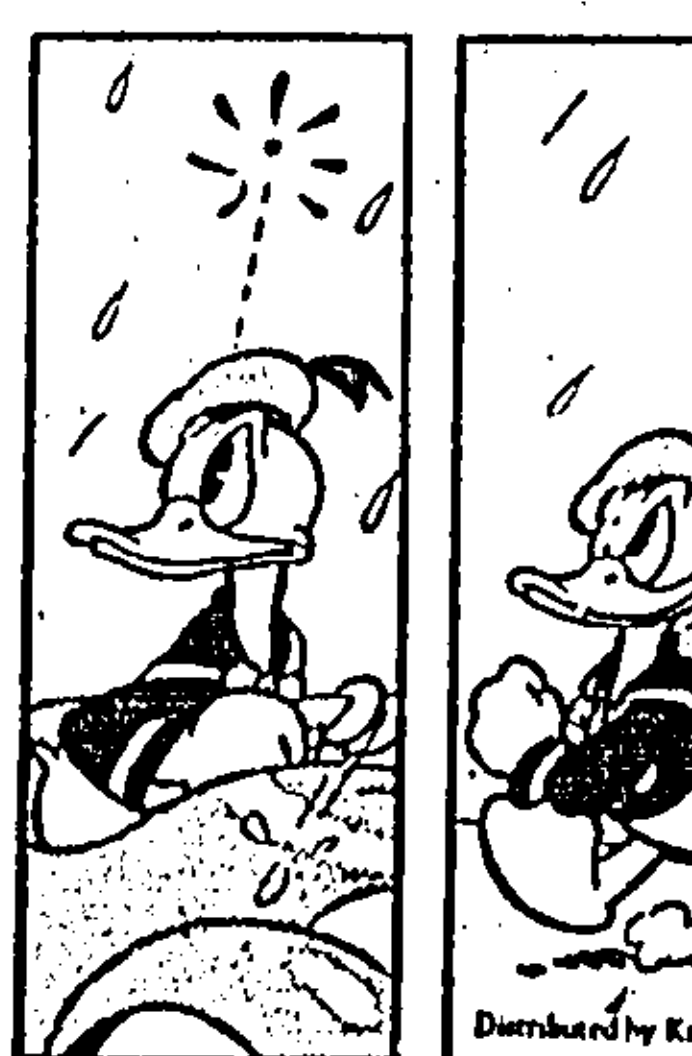
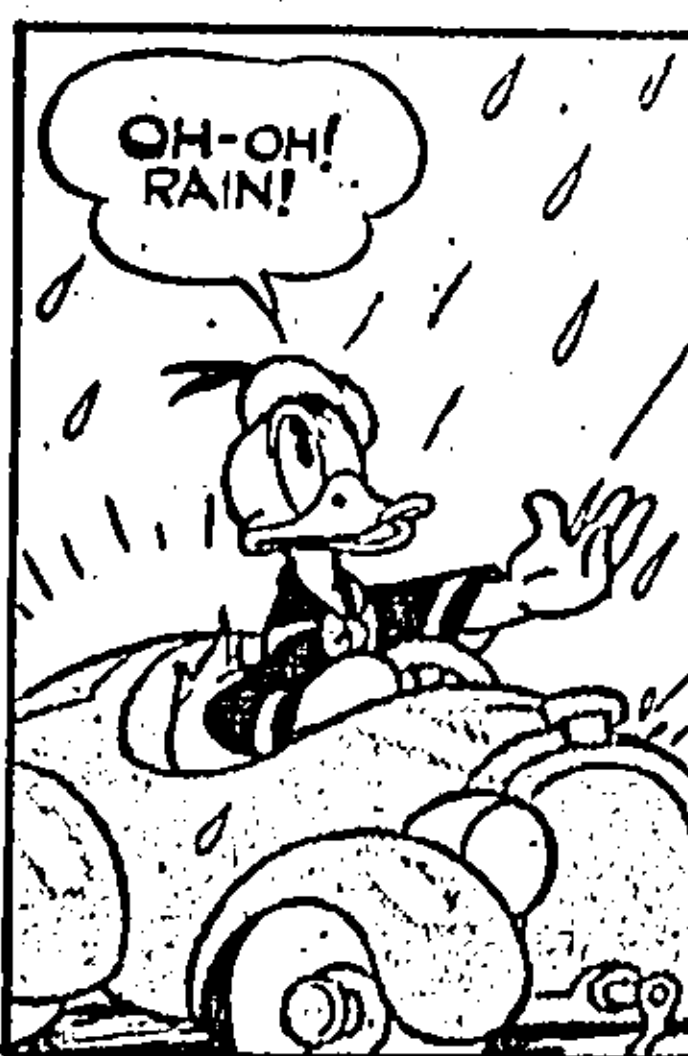
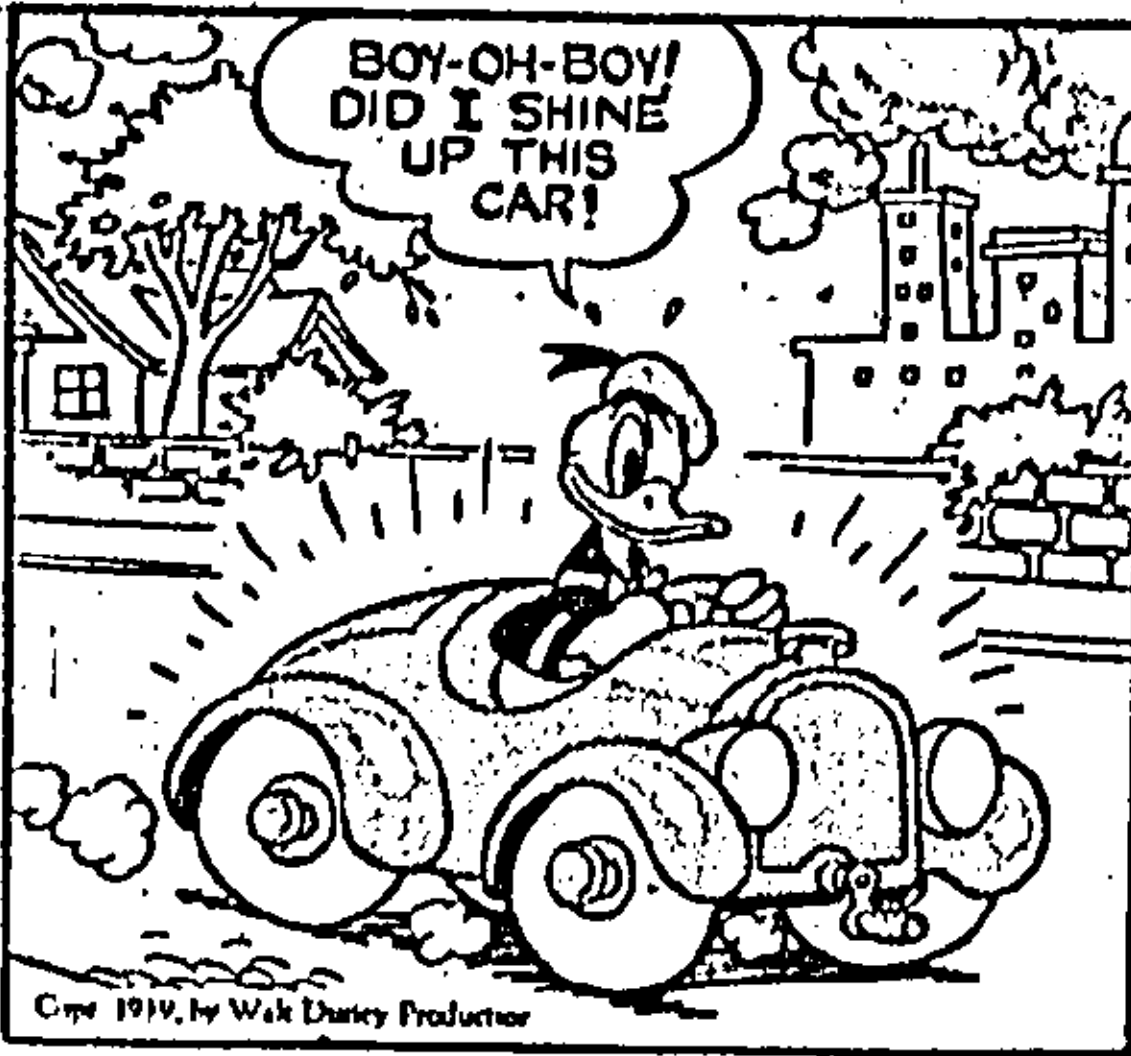
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CENTRAL EUROPE'S NEW CRISIS: INDEPENDENCE OF SLOVAKIA DECLARED

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proclaimed is now being held. It is expected that immediately after the announcement of the Diet's decision the Central Government will resign. A police bulletin issued at Bratislava states that three were seriously injured in the night disturbances. A time bomb exploded this morning in the principal station in Prague and nine were injured.

There have been more incidents at Iglau, where two Germans were killed in encounters with the police. German Storm Troopers have occupied a village near Iglau.—Reuter.

Defending Frontier

Prague, Mar. 14. Hlinka Guards have been sent urgently from Bratislava to the Slovak-Moravian frontier.—Reuter.

Prague Cabinet

Prague, Mar. 14. It is officially stated that the Cabinet has resigned. Political circles doubt if any new Cabinet will be formed.

All communication between Bratislava and Prague has been severed.—United Press.

Probable Re-shuffle

Prague, Mar. 14. The Cabinet Council has been convened for Tuesday to decide the question of a re-shuffling of the German Ministry.

Informed quarters affirm that the entire Cabinet will resign, whereupon President Hacha will request Premier Beran to form a New Government. It is reliably stated that the Minister of Defence, General Sirovy, the Minister of Agriculture, M. Felerabend, and the Minister of Communications, General Elias, will not be included in the future ministry, and will be replaced by political personalities.

In political circles scepticism is expressed as to whether the reconstruction of the Cabinet will bring about an improvement of the situation. According to rumours current here, the leader of the Czech Fascists, General Gajda, will be offered a seat in the Cabinet.—Trans-Ocean.

Prague Preparations

Berlin, Mar. 14. The semi-official German News Agency Deutsches Nachrichten Bureau

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES Lorry Driver Accused Of Rash Action

On a complaint lodged by Mr. W. S. V. Curtis, Yeung Po, driver of lorry No. 4534, was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for driving in a manner dangerous to the public at Castle Peak Road on February 9.

Sergeant J. Bethel said that while Mr. Curtis was driving along Castle Peak Road near the 12th milestone on the day in question, defendant came from behind in a lorry and sounded his horn. Mr. Curtis took no notice of it as he was nearing a double bend, but the lorry overtook his car and nearly pushed him off the road.

Defendant denied the offence, and said he passed Mr. Curtis because he had signalled he was going to stop. The case was adjourned to Friday at noon.

Unattended Car

Hans Augustesen, of 21 Hanol Road, was fined \$3 for leaving his car, No. 1330, unattended at Salisbury Road on February 20. Defendant said he left the car to go aboard a ship.

reports to-day at 2 p.m. Berlin time from Prague.

Details have become known here of the Czech measures of Czech troops in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia.

On the Strömteite heights near Pressburg running from the town to Theben, Czech soldiers have been busy since Monday night cutting down trees in feverish haste and preparing positions for machine guns as well as heavy artillery.

Strong detachments of infantry are moving along the road in the north-east to Olmütz, followed by light artillery and armoured cars. Czech troops have been concentrated in the Waagau district where there are many important Slovak armament factories. The Slovak workers are determined to defend these works, which are indispensable for Slovakia's freedom, to the last man.

The Czech police have removed by force all surgical instruments from hospitals and clinics in Brunn.—Trans-Ocean.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 16, 1889. It is really very sad to know that there are over a million girls in England who are not likely to get married. To legalize bigamy would doubtless solve the difficulty.

25 YEARS AGO

March 16, 1914. Lieut. Briggs of the Army Flying Corps has broken the British altitude record by attaining a height of 16,000 feet at East-church. At that height the atmosphere was 38 degrees below zero, and the intrepid aviator was severely frost-bitten.

General von Plettenburg, commanding the German Guards Corps, has issued a decree against the wearing of the so-called "English" or "tooth-brush" moustache. Non-commissioned officers and men are to be informed that these appendages are unsuitable for Prussian soldiers and are not consonant with the German national character.

10 YEARS AGO

March 16, 1929. At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Mr. R. G. Sheehan, who presided, reported that the demand for cement for the past three months had been so heavy that orders had to be turned away daily.

Shareholders subsequently approved of the expenditure of \$3,600,000 for the purchase and installation of a modern cement plant at the Company's works at Lok U. It was stated that the Company would in future devote its energies entirely to Lok U. "No more cement will be spent at Macao, and no more water day works would either be sold or demolished."

Captain G. A. Evans, of the Chungking, is on reserve. Captain S. M. Barling, from reserve, has gone master, Chungking. Mr. R. Curlew, extra second officer, Shengking, has gone extra second officer, Shengking. Mr. E. J. Thomas, second officer, Shengking, has gone extra second officer, Shengking.

Mr. N. Pomeroy, chief officer, Tungchow, is on home leave. Mr. W. B. K. Pomeroy, chief officer, Tungchow, is on home leave. Mr. G. P. Cope, chief officer, Shansi, is on reserve. Captain G. Morris, China Navigation Co., is on home leave. Captain J. P. Pringle, China Navigation Co., is on home leave.

5 YEARS AGO

March 16, 1934. The still smouldering burned out wreck of the U.S.S. Fulton was this morning being towed slowly towards Junk Bay after a night providing one of the most thrilling naval adventures during the past few days. The ship was a victim of a fire which broke out in the face of a perilous situation—by the officers and men of H.M.S. Wilkes and those of the U.S.S. Fulton was instrumental in preventing the loss of a single life.

H.M.S. Wilkes, finding the Fulton blazing beacon-like with over a hundred men still on board, resorted to the daring expedient of running in alongside, smashing in her bows in so doing, but enabling the imperilled men to jump from ship to ship.

Twice in heavy seas, the manoeuvre was repeated, once at the bows of the Fulton and once at the stern, the burning gunboat having been divided into two by a rising wall of flame. The fire broke out in the engine-room. An exhaust pipe blew out, lighting oil round the engines. The flames darted across to the oil tank, which exploded scattering blazing oil in all directions.

The Norwegian s.s. Norviken, under charter to the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, put into Swatow this morning after twenty-four hours' overcast with the explanation that she had been pirated.

Twenty-two men took part in the coup, seizing control of the ship, bound from Shanghai to Hongkong via Swatow, in the vicinity of Swatow, in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

BRITAIN PREPARES HER DEFENCES FOR THE NEXT CRISIS

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are now to have the telephone installed for such an emergency. As long ago as November, 1936, food plans were initiated. In that month the Food (Defence Plans) department was set up by the Ministry of Agriculture to control the supply and distribution of food in war-time.

Ration cards for the staple foods, such as bread, meat, butter, sugar and tea, similar to those used in the world war, were printed months ago in millions. It is claimed under the new organisation long food queues will not be necessary.

The department has divided Britain into 18 divisions, with a food control committee in each town or district. These committees, mainly composed of local tradesmen, would have absolute power in an emergency. One thousand five hundred local officers have already been appointed. It is estimated that the organisation could swing into action within 24 hours, and have the rationing scheme operating in three or four weeks, compared with six months in the world war.

In addition, the government is quietly hoarding essential commodities, such as wheat, sugar and whale oil. The granaries and warehouses are being pursued with sufficient supplies for at least six months, it is estimated.

The government made their purchases secretly, through agents, the open market. It was kept quiet so as not to raise prices, and also to prevent speculation. Eventually, the government, itself, had to set the cut out of the big, white, in order to save the money to pay for its purchases. It got parliament to pass the essential Commodities Act in 1938.

It is claimed that if war broke out there would be sufficient supplies for everybody until a system of supplies from the Empire and elsewhere could get into operation. For this purpose the merchant marine is being equipped with gun platforms and anti-aircraft paravanes. The naval estimates for 1939 will contain an item of £200,000 for this work.

The gun platforms are being built in the sterns of the ships only. All other European countries have them in the bows and stern, thus affording them the opportunity to attack as well as defend.

On February 9, the Registrar-General, Sir Sylvanus P. Vivian, issued instructions to all local authorities to quicken their preparations for a census "with a view to instituting a national register, it and when necessary, on very short notice."

A census normally takes one year to prepare, but it is expected that it will be possible to have it this year, if necessary. The machinery should be ready within six months. It will cost £250,000, and will need 14,000,000 forms and 50,000 enumerators and police officers. Ordinarily, the information derived from a census takes years to tabulate, but a national register could be drawn up from it in months. A special act of parliament will be necessary to advance the date from the scheduled census year, 1941.

Contractors were in dispute before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell, Plesno Judge, at the Supreme Court yesterday, when the Yee Hing Cheung Firm, of 90 Gloucester Road, claimed \$500 from the Hong Nam Company, of 20 Lee Yee Street East, as balance owing for work done.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon represented defendants. Mr. Russ said the money was owing from \$3,143 incurred by defendants in engaging plaintiffs to transport 43,313 wooden sleepers. Defendants' contention was that the work was done for someone else, and they were only sub-contractors.

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12.30 Primo Scala's Accordion Band with The Mills Brothers. My Heaven in The Pines (Campbell-Sigler-Conrad); Meet Me Down in Sunset Valley (Gilbert); Primo Scala's Accordion Band; Chinatown (My Chinatown (Jerome-Schwartz); Rockin' Chair (Carmichael); Mills Brothers Quartet with Guitar; Whoops We Go Again (Harvey); The Old River Thames Were The Danubius (Roberts-Butler); Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus; Jungle Fever (from "Spy 13"); Sleepy Head (from "Spy 13"); The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar); Medley: Intro: You're here, you're there; Let us be sweethearts over again; Horsey, Horsey... Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.

1.00 Time and Weather. 1.03 Selections from Light Opera. "The Mikado"—Selection (Sullivan); The Band Of H. M. Collyer (Graham-Smith); The Vocal Gems (Benedict); Light Opera Company with Orchestra; "Chu Chin Chow"—Selection (Norton); The Laurel and Hardy Orchestra; by Louis Levy; "Jolly Roger"—Vocal Gems... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Variety. Vocal-Patrol: Sur Un Balcon Tout Blanc (from "Folies Bergere revue "En Super Folies"); Nuits de Miami (from "Folies Bergere revue "En Super Folies").

SOLDIER CHARGED Alleged Theft of Packets Of Cigarettes

Evidence regarding the actions of Driver J. K. Stubbs, of the 12th Co. R.A.S.C., alleged to have stolen four packets of cigarettes and an electric light bulb from two shops in Lockhart Road, on February 24, was given before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Sergeant F. Ware, in outlining the case, said Stubbs went into a shop at 170 Lockhart Road about 10.25 p.m. on February 24 and took four packets of cigarettes from the counter and then walked off. He continued on to another shop at 150 Lockhart Road, and helped himself to an electric bulb which was in front of the shop. He was followed by the foks of the shops concerned, and later taken by two Military Policemen to the No. 2 Police Station.

When searched in the charge-room, the cigarettes and the electric light bulb were found on him. Evidence of arrest was given by Lance Corporal G. Thompson, who said Stubbs did not appear to be intoxicated when arrested.

Defendant said he picked up the cigarettes in the shop to show to a friend, and denied the second charge of stealing the electric bulb. He could, however, give no reason why the bulb was found on him at the Police Station.

Stubbs was told by the Magistrate that he would be convicted on the second charge, but would be remanded in military custody until 10 a.m. on Thursday for him to call a witness on the first charge.

Defendant mentioned that his witness was a present military cusdy, but no officer, who was in Court, said arrangements would be made for that witness to be present.

member of the defendant firm, but he was told by Chan Kam that he was a partner in the Hong Nam Company and he believed him. He did not enquire whether Chan Kam was a partner. He did not believe to would contract by himself.

To Sam-yau then gave evidence that he contracted with Chan Kam, and afterwards gave him receipts for payment in the name of the Hong Nam Company.

The hearing was adjourned until next month.

Super Folies)... Josephine Baker with Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—Love Makes The World Go Round—Fox-Trot (from "These Foolish Things"); Teacher's Pet—Quickstep.

Henry Hall and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Vocal—The Crocodile (Hill and de Rose); All Set and Saddled (Tex Morton)... Tex Morton (The Yodelling Boundary Rider) with His Guitar; Dance Orchestra—Don't Cross Your Fingers, Cross Your Heart—Fox-Trot; Stop Beatin' Round the Mulberry Bush—Quickstep... Nat Gonella and His Gorgonzola; Slumming On Park Avenue (from "On the Avenue"); This Year's Kisses (from "On the Avenue"); Alice Faye with Cy Feuer Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—Land in Sight—Quickstep; Wandering You—Fox-Trot. Billy Bartholomew and His Dance Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down. 6.00 Schubert—Symphony No. 7 in C Major.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult. 6.50 Songs by Elena Gerhardt (Mezzo-Soprano). The Fishermen; The Secret (Schubert); Fisher-Ways (Schubert)... Sung in German with Piano accompaniment by Conrad V. Bos.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Gracie Fields, Sandy Powell, Renata, The Hill Billies and Benny Goodman and His Orchestra. Goody-Goody—Fox-Trot; It's Been So Long—Fox-Trot (from "The Great Ziegfeld"); Benny Goodman and His Orchestra with Vocal by Helen Ward; Climbing Up The Golden Stairs (arr. Hill Billies); In The Moonlight (The Hill Billies); The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment; "Two For Tonight" Piano Medley (Gordon and Revel); Renata (Piano); Savvy. The All-In Wrestler (Powell, Thompson)... Comedy Sketch by Sandy Powell; Chloé—Fox-Trot; Jean Sedition—Fox-Trot... Benny Goodman and His Orchestra; Suite: Old Stage Door (Noel Coward, Potbury); Old Father Thames (Wallace, O'Hagan); Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Fred Hartley and His Orchestra; "Glamorous Night"—Waltz Medley; Zing! Went the Strings of My Heart (from "Gay Divorcé")... Renata (Piano).

7.45 Studio-Talk by Mrs. A. L. J. Davey, M.B., Ch. B. (Edin.), on "Civilian Hospital Auxiliary Nursing Service."

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Musical Comedy. "The Little Domino" (Cuvillier)... Frank Westfield's Orchestra; Prince of Wales' Playhouse, Lewisham; "The Dubarry"—If I Am Dreaming (Milk-locker-arr. Mackeben)... Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Orchestra cond. by Ernest Irving; "London Rhapsody"—Vocal Selections (Carr and Kennedy)... The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Jack Freer; "Evergreen"—Dancing On The Ceiling (Hart and Rodgers); Just By Your Example (Woods)... Jessie Matthews (Soprano) with Orchestra; "The Merry Widow"—Selection (Lehar)... De Groot and His Orchestra.

8.30 London Relay—"At the Black Dog."

Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.

9.00 London Relay—"Empire Exchange."

Points of view by travellers from "The Dominions and Colonies." 9.15 Massenet—"Le Cid" Ballet Music. New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens. 9.30 London Relay—"The News." 9.55 Vaughan Williams—"Serenade To Music."

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10.05 Compositions of Elgar. Imperial March, Op. 32... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult; La Capricieuse, Op. 17... Donaldson Huberman (Violin) with Sinfonietta Schulte at the Piano; Woodland Interludes (from "Cavalcade", Op. 33); Dream Children, Op. 43, No. 1; Dream Children, Op. 43, No. 2... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Lawrence Collingwood.

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10.30 London Relay—"Who Wants Gold?"

The story of General Sutter by A. L. Lloyd. 11.00 Close Down.

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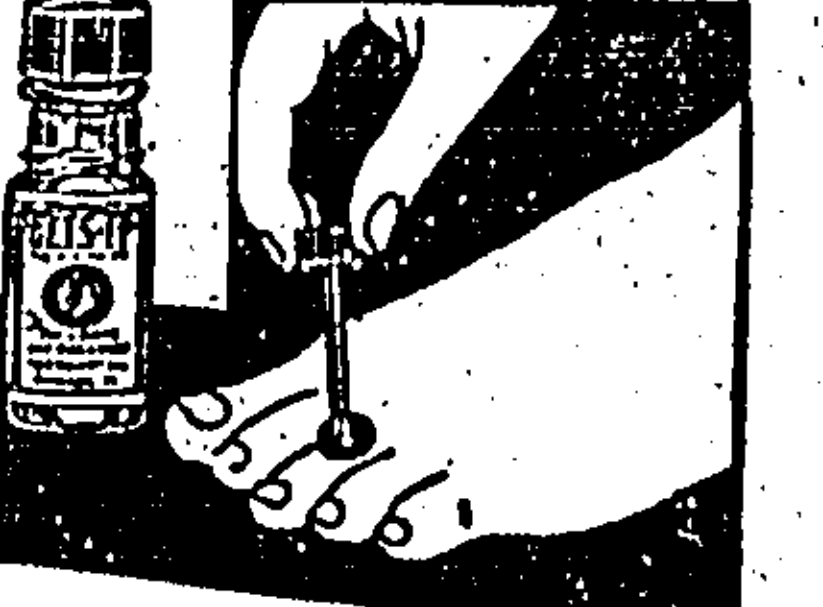
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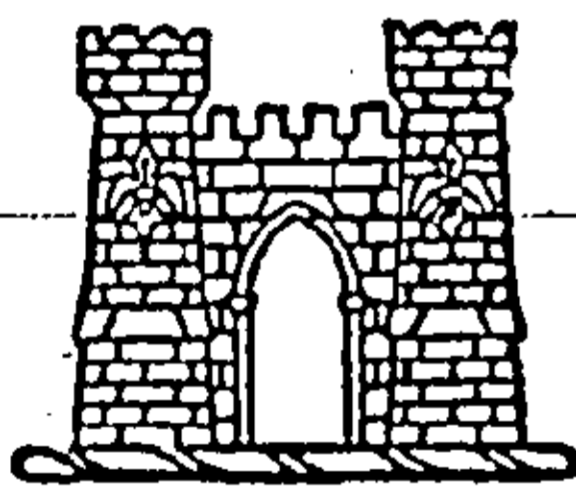
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Italy's Claims

ITALY tells France and Great Britain that her dispute with France will be settled by diplomatic means and not by the sword. What does that mean? If the verbal promise, which will be confirmed later this week in official Notes, is what "United Press" will have us believe, it means that one of Europe's greatest dangers has been removed.

Mussolini is a dictator who keeps his word. If he says the sword will remain sheathed, there will be no war between France and Italy in settling a territorial grudge that has lasted since the Italian kingdom came into existence in 1860 under the the House of Savoy.

What is the basis of Italy's claims?

She claims that in 1858 she made a deal with Napoleon III, of France, whereby, in exchange for French help in driving the Austrians out of the northern Italian provinces of Lombardy and Venice, she should concede to France the Commune of Nice and the Duchy of Savoy.

This Italy did, but Napoleon signed the treaty of Villafranca with the Austrians when only Lombardy had been captured.

Venice—that prize to be matched only with the Nice that the Italians had ceded—was left in Austrian hands.

That is the basis of the Italian claim—these two parts of France. Of Tunisia, she says this was her first effort in African colonisation when she began to feel her feet as a Mediterranean Power.

All went well until 1881, when France, who was colonising the neighbouring territory of Algeria, sent a punitive expedition to quell native rebels. The rebels retreated to the hinterland of Tunis, whereupon the French marched into Tunisia, occupied the whole territory, and declared it to be a French protectorate.

That constitutes Italy's claim to Tunisia. To-day, she says, the rigorous French laws still discriminate against the predominantly Italian population of Tunisia. French naturalisation laws in Tunisia are, perhaps, even more annoying to the Italians. These laws turn every Italian there into a Frenchman.

Corsica is make-weight in these claims.

There is one big flaw in Italy's claim. To-day, she complains about took part at a time when every Power that had the money and guns to back its claims was grabbing pieces of the good earth. If Italy can claim land to which she feels she had some right eighty years ago, why not add a few claims for the seventeenth century. Why not go back to the early days of European history.

In which case, of course, Italy has solid foundation for claiming practically the whole of Europe, including the British Isles.

TWO of the most haunting lines in English poetry occur in a poem of which I know no other words, and which I have never been able to trace:—

They have cleared up the straw in the passage
And Life can begin again.
In other words, the removal was over. The old and the new furniture had settled down together in perfect amity. The re-arranged pictures had made friends with one another.

My old emerald carpet kissed with velvet passion the hem of my new jade-green curtains. Or can I write like Beverley Nichols?

And the champagne curtains of my new dining-room went all right with my stock of beer. In short, I was "in."

A few days later it struck me that something was missing, and for a long time I could not decide what it was. Then it flashed across me. I wanted an inkstand.

INKPOTS, of course, I possessed, but I suddenly realised that what my soul longed for was the kind of thing which you see on the desk in the photographs of celebrities. You know the sort of thing—massive, unique, silver.

So I sallied forth and presently beheld what I was looking for, though it was vastly different from that for which I had been seeking. Reposing in the middle of the jeweller's window was something rather like a model of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Only, the dome was a clock, while the inkwells—one for black, and the other, I suppose, for red—were concealed in the two turrets. The materials employed were glass, ebony, and chromium plate and the price demanded was eighty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents.

DID I reflect that \$88.92 would refurbish my wardrobe for the imminent spring? Did I think of that sum in terms of a bit of money for the rainy day?

Did I calculate how many kiddies for how many weeks could for that sum obtain milk from the S.P.C.? Did I think of the refugees? No, I did not.

I decided that if \$88.92 represented my last cent, it must be spent upon the purchase of that inkstand. A hurried telephone communication revealed to me that that sum was standing to my credit in my bank, with the less pleasing information that it was very nearly my last cent.

Presently the miracle was borne off in triumph, together with a cut-glass tray for pen-holders, another for cigarette ends, and a wonderful contraption for manipulating sealing wax. Also a virgin blotter with glass edges. The miserable penny inkpot which has served me for years was removed, and the work of art installed.

My pen poised, I prepared to write an article worthy of the occasion. They say that a bad workman complains of his tools. I have never thought that a reason why a good craftsman should have unworthy implements.

As I say, I sat waiting for inspiration to emerge from that noble piece of furniture in the way it has so often gushed from that other humble, supplanter vessel.

But nothing happened. For a period, ideas came but not the words in which to express them. This was succeeded by another period in which the words came, but without any backing of ideas.

THEN I discovered what was the matter. The inkstand was not silent. Its clock ticked damnable.

I took my inkstand back to the jewellers, and would they change it? They would.

They proposed something like the Taj Mahal with cupolas for black, red, mauve, and green inks! It had no clock. It cost twenty dollars more.

This I bore off, and all the foregoing has been at the instigation of, I think, the third cupola. The mauve one. Yes, I am certainly writing like Beverley Nichols. In spite of which I am extremely happy. Idiotically happy. Life, which previously was empty, is now full.

I feel that if somebody were to offer me the real Taj Mahal I should refuse it. I regard with infinite contempt anybody who does not possess an inkpot modelled after the Taj Mahal and costing one hundred and eight dollars and ninety-two cents.

Let me put it another way. What piece of wild extravagance are you contemplating, but from committing which you are restrained by your prudence, some ingrained habit of economy, or even your wife?

Is it a new set of matched irons, though you are in arrears with your chits at the club? Is it a four-fold case of straightgrained briars? Is it that radiogram?

If you are a woman, is it that shagreen handbag which will cause your dearest friends so much embarrassment? Is it a hundredweight of bath salts at \$7.50 an ounce? Is it a pair of silk stockings? So, one that they

It's Spring, so give yourself a treat . . .

OR
why I paid \$100
for an inkstand

can be drawn through the eye of a needle.

Is it a pair of shoes so high in the heel that they make your ankles precede your toes like a worn-out cab horse? Lady, as Max Miller would say, I do not sympathise with your feminine folly. But I understand it.

"THIRTY" is an ugly word in a plain man's mouth. It is uglier still in the mouth of a pretty woman. It is a curmudgeonly word. It has about it the exhalations of old age.

It is to be used in connection with old-age pensions and building societies. It is the last hope of fighting tedious lawsuits, showing a lot of sheep into cinemas, carrying those who deny themselves in youth to avarice and first cousin to meanness.

You cannot pronounce the word without wrinkling the nose. Yet it is an admirable quality, provided he who possesses it knows when to tell it to get out.

NEARLY all the happiness of life is in escape. The fortunate few who are artists may enjoy their work. But to the great majority work is not enjoyable, and it is rank humbug to pretend that it is.

There is not much fun in getting coal, emptying dustbins, window-cleaning, bus-driving, waiting on gaudy and irritable club members, massaging the faces of obese doctors, looking at billious tongues, annuitants. It is the passion of those who deny themselves in youth to have the things which in old age they won't want. It is twin sister to avarice and first cousin to meanness.

The best thing that can be done

with the humdrum is to put the best possible face on it. "In the sweat of thy face shall thou eat bread," says the Old Testament. But the New Testament says, "Man shall not live by bread alone." No where are we told that by the sweat of his brow shall man keep his soul alive.

Further, the book of Ecclesiastes tells us that there is "a time to get, and a time to lose, a time to keep, and a time to cast away." Surely money is a thing to be got and lost, kept and cast away?

I hold no brief for extravagance, and to obey the second and fourth of Ecclesiastes' injunctions and disregard the first and third would be the height of extravagance. What I am advocating, dear reader, is to observe thrift in season, but to realise that, though a flower of virtue, it is one of those flowers which are entitled to be out of season.

IN other words, I am telling you that when you feel necessity to let it rip, it is wise to let it rip. A stitch in time saves nine.

But you don't want a garment so covered with precautionary stitches that it becomes unsightly. When it is a case of rip or burst, I say rip. But do not rip too often.

That great man, Francis Bacon, said much the same things when he wrote: "A man ought warily to begin changes which once begun will continue; but in matters that return not he may be more magnificent."

What Bacon meant was that it isn't every day we kill a pig (or buy an inkstand). But that when we do so we ought to kill him, and buy it, handsomely!

Britain Prepares Her Defences For The Next Crisis by H. L. Percy

United Press Staff Correspondent.

WAR Britain, for the first time in 900 years, will be in grave danger of armed invasion. In the past the navy kept her shores intact. The danger now is from the air. To meet this modern peril, Britain is organising her civil population. Every able-bodied man and woman will have a job to do. This series of articles tells the story of Britain's army of "passive defence", and of the hundred-and-one other ways in which Britain is preparing for war at home.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the next

Anderson described the kind of shelter which is being built. It is made of galvanised corrugated sheets, weighs about eight hundredweight, and is 6ft. 6in. by 8ft. 6in. by 6ft. 6in. It will take the weight of any debris that may fall on it, and shelter four to six people. Sections can be added to shelter more. It is shaped something like the Nissen huts used in the world war.

His latest, and so far biggest, is free air-raid shelters for poor people.

Soon after he took office last November, Anderson announced that the government would buy £20,000,000 worth of steel and other material to build these shelters.

Now 10,000,000 people in Britain with incomes of not more than £5 (\$25) a week are able to have one just for the asking.

In his announcement Anderson indicated that the government believes that most danger in an aerial attack will come from explosive bombs. It is understood that the government does not now believe that gas-bombs will be used, at least, at first, and that the danger will therefore be from flying splinters, falling debris, and incendiary bombs.

FREE SHELTERS

The free shelters will be loaned to people with incomes of £250

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



There's been a terrible mistake—Mrs. Snodgrass has taken this box for the season.

EVACUATING DANGER ZONES

On February 9, the Ministry of Health announced a plan for evacuating danger areas with a total population of 17,500,000. The plan split England, Scotland and Wales into three groups: (1) Evacuation areas, (2) Neutral areas, and (3) Reception areas.

Evacuation areas, namely those from which the population would be moved—compulsorily unless good reasons were advanced for staying—are: All London boroughs, Southampton, Portsmouth, Gosport, Chatham, Gillingham, Rochester, Birmingham, Smethwick, Liverpool, Manchester, Salford, Bootle, E. Renshaw, part of Walsley, Hull, Bradford, Leeds, Salford, Newcastle, Gateshead, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee.

Neutral zones, namely those which neither would be evacuated or used as reception areas, are: Parts of the counties of Cornwall, Devonshire, Devonshire, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, Surrey, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Glamorgan and Monmouthshire.

Other areas, which are not listed as evacuation or neutral zones, and are, therefore, assumed to be reception areas, are: Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Cumberland, Dorset, Herefordshire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Rutland, Shropshire, Suffolk, Sussex, Westmoreland, Isle of Wight, Wiltshire, and all Wales, except Glamorgan and Monmouthshire.

Plans for actual evacuation are not yet formulated, local authorities in the reception areas, however, are making enquiries regarding billeting and available accommodation.

SCHOOL EVACUATIONS

If and when the time comes, it is expected that children will be evacuated by schools as was planned during the September crisis. For the adults, an elaborate transport plan is being drawn up, using train, motor-coach and lorry. All schools (Continued on Page 5.)

Balkan Pact

Sofia, Mar. 14.
The Bulgarian Premier, M. Radoslavov, is leaving tomorrow for Ankara at the invitation of the Turkish Government.
Bulgarian political circles believe that Turkey will make another attempt to secure the admission of Bulgaria into the Balkan pact by finding a formula which will meet the Bulgarian territorial and other claims respecting Dobruja, and an outlet into the Aegean Sea.—Reuter.

Spain

Republican Soldiers Sent Home

Madrid Junta Seeks Honourable Peace

Madrid Front, Mar. 14.
The Madrid Defence Junta has ordered demobilisation of the 1915 and 1916 classes as well as of all persons called up during the last few weeks to serve in various auxiliary services.
Spaniards, the Madrid wireless announced, would now be able to face Spaniards with the object of making peace.
National Spanish quarters point out that the Government of Spain is still demanding the unconditional capitulation of the Republicans as preliminary to the termination of hostilities.—Trans-Ocean.

Casado Seeking Peace
Madrid, Mar. 14.
General Casado stated to-day that the Loyalist Defence Council expected Franco to attack the city at any time and that the Loyalists were prepared to fight, though preferring an honourable peace.
Regarding discussion of peace terms, he said, "The Council knows the people want their national sovereignty to be respected, that there can be no reprisals, and that once peace is signed harmony must reign among Spaniards. Since the people want this, and we want it too, we will do all possible to achieve it."
"That is my fundamental decision."—United Press.

STORY OF BELLWYN

Gibraltar, Mar. 14.
One of the first detailed descriptions as to how the British steamers Bellwyn and Stangate were stopped by a Nationalist Spanish ship was given by the Bellwyn's captain, Percy Evans.
In an interview, Captain Evans said: "Reports were received that General Franco intended to fire and sink all vessels in the vicinity of the Spanish coast. Thereupon, three steamers decided to quit Valencia—the United States vessel, Eric Reed, for Marseilles and the Bellwyn and Stangate for Gibraltar.
"When 23 miles north-west of Cape Santoni, a Spanish cruiser appeared and flashed her searchlights on the Stangate, signalling her to proceed to Palma. The Stangate changed course towards Palma. She had no wireless aboard.
"The cruiser then flashed similar instructions to the Bellwyn. I acknowledged the message, but continued on the course to Gibraltar. Seeing I had not complied, the cruiser began to circle around at full speed and constantly flashed her searchlights. I ignored all this and instructed the wireless operator to despatch an S.O.S. stating, 'molested, ordered Palma by wireless, immediate assistance.' The cruiser approached within 25 yards and through megaphones shouted, 'we will fire and sink you if you don't obey.' I again ignored the threats, whereupon the cruiser came so close to our bows that we nearly collided, and at the same time she fired a shot. I continued, ignoring everything. I signalled by Morse to the Stangate, 'I am not submitting but proceeding Gibraltar. I have wireless for assistance.' I would have had the Bellwyn sunk rather than surrender to the Spanish ship.—United Press.

TO RECOVER TREASURES

Burgos, Mar. 14.
The National Spanish Government has appointed a commission which will leave Spain for France to-day to recover all of the Spanish art, works, jewels, gold and other money deposited in French banks by the former Spanish officials. The commission is headed by Senor Joaquin Ruiz, who is to change the National Spanish debts, and consists of Senor Cesar Arruete, Vice-Governor of the Bank of Spain and Senor Victor Artola as representative of the Spanish private banks.
Another commission which will take over and return to Spain all material and military equipment which the Republican troops took across the French frontier has already arrived in France.—Trans-Ocean.

HAPSBURG PROPERTY

Vienna, Mar. 14.
A decree formally confiscating all the Hapsburg property in favour of the German State will be published on Tuesday.—Reuter.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?
tranquil
ambition
windings
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

THE OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

CENTRAL EUROPE'S NEW CRISIS: INDEPENDENCE OF SLOVAKIA DECLARED

The Slovakian Council under M. Tiso has declared the complete independence of the state from the Prague Government and has appealed to the Reich for aid. German soldiers are reported to be already crossing the border.

The Carpatho-Ukraine has made a similar declaration and appeal and Hungarian troops are invading Czech territory.

The Prague cabinet is expected to resign. Unofficial sources state that the Czech Government has accepted the demands for Slovak autonomy and the dismissal of General Sirovy, Czech Defence Minister.

British interest is said to be turning towards Poland and Hungary and their possible action if Germany allows, or orders, further dismemberment of Czechoslovakia; while it is generally agreed in London that the Anglo-French guarantee regarding the post-Munich boundaries of Czechoslovakia does not arise at the present juncture.

24-Hour Ultimatum

Berlin, Mar. 14.
A 24-hour ultimatum from Herr Hitler, threatening stern measures, has set the stage for the further dismemberment of Czechoslovakia by amputating Slovakia and Carpatho-Ukraine. This means the loss of two-thirds of Czechoslovakia and more than half the population since the Munich Agreement.

Informed circles state that formal announcement will be made this morning before the extraordinary session of the Slovak Parliament at Bratislava.—United Press.

German Hate Campaign

Berlin, Mar. 14.
Building up for to-day's climax, the afternoon papers carry such headlines as "How much longer?" "Europe's bonfire." "Rising disgust at wild terror." "Unbearable."

One editorial says that the situation in the German race group in Czechoslovakia is getting worse every hour. Responsibility before the forum of Europe and the world are solely and alone the Czechs. Czechoslovakia has become Europe's bonfire through a stream of hate against everything German.—United Press.

Berlin Press Allegations

Berlin, Mar. 14.
The tone of the German press comments on events in Czechoslovakia grows steadily sharper. The situation in Slovakia has been relegated relatively to background in favour of the day by messages from various parts of Czech territory which report attacks by Czech police and civilians on members of the German minority group.

"Germans are once more in distress," announces a four-column heading on the front-page of the Lokal-Anzeiger to-day. "Czech mob tears Swastika flags to pieces." "Brutal assaults in Igau, Brno and Olomouc." "Germans for Bence" are other typical headings which appear in the German press.

"The Czechs old hatred for the Germans has again broken out," says the Lokal-Anzeiger which outlines that the Czechs have learned nothing from past experiences. Germans have been arrested and in the most brutal manner maltreated, knocked down with truncheons, wounded, persecuted and insulted. The German national emblem, the Swastika flag has been torn down. The German minority was refused protection of any kind and German language papers were subjected to ruthless censorship.

The Voelkischer Beobachter addresses extremely grave warning to the Prague Government in view of new attacks on 350,000 people of the German race who are still living in the Czechoslovak republic. "In Brno, which for many centuries has belonged to the German peoples, and which still has more than 60,000 German inhabitants, a mob of alien people apparently believes that it can attack with impunity Germans who profess loyalty to symbols of National Socialist Germany, and provoke them to the German people, and take them down and maltreating, till blood flows. The Czech Police watches these excesses with complete passivity. This is a naturally intolerable situation for members of the German nation twenty kilometres from the frontiers of the Reich and therefore for entire German nation."—Trans-Ocean.

Cabinet Meets

Prague, Mar. 14.
Dr. Tiso arrived in Bratislava from Berlin by air this morning. A Cabinet meeting was held immediately on his arrival at which Dr. Tiso and also M. Sidor were present. Dr. Tiso has communicated the result of the talks to Berlin.

The Cabinet meeting was followed by a private conference of leading members of the Slovak Diet.—Reuter.

Independence Declared
Prague, Mar. 14.
Slovakia has been declared an independent State following a meeting of the Slovak Cabinet. One of the members of the new Government was to send a telegram to Herr Hitler notifying him of the fact and asking for his help.
The first news of the formation of the new Government was made known to the outside world by the Vienna broadcasting station.
The new Government includes Dr. Tiso, Dr. Sidor and M. Durensky as Minister of Propaganda.
There was a rush on the banks at Bratislava this morning and a decree had to be immediately issued that only 500 Slovak crowns could

be withdrawn by any one depositor.—Reuter Bulletin.

The New Cabinet

Presburg, Mar. 14.
The list of the new Slovak Government which has been finally settled is slightly different to the previous report, reading as follows: Premier, Dr. Tiso; Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tuka; Foreign Affairs, Durensky; Home Affairs, Sidor; Chief of Propaganda without ministerial rank, Mach; Army, Calose; Finance, Prusichinsky; Justice, Fritz.
A country of 40,000 square kilometres with 2,000,000 inhabitants has thus become independent. Dr. Tiso will also be the future Slovak State President.

The date of the Slovak Presidential elections has not yet been fixed.—Trans-Ocean.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Berlin, Mar. 14.
A high Slovak source told the United Press to-day that German troops are expected to occupy Brno and Igau in the course of the day. He indicated that probably the same procedure will be followed in the case of Pilsen, Maelrich and Odrau. All these towns lie in the so-called mixed language belt and have large German authorities.

Brno is the centre of the Czech arms industry and the scene of scores of cases of alleged violence in the past three days. At Igau, which is predominantly German and surrounded by Czech districts, there is hardly a whole window pane in the town.

Informed quarters claim that the troops movements so far are very small. At the same time they point out that the German border rings Bohemia and Moravia from the tip of Silesia to Vienna, and heavy strength is not needed for such an operation as at present contemplated. It is expected there would be little opposition to the German troops. Brno lies directly across the route of march between Baeslau and Vienna and which the German armies would have taken last September to cut off Bohemia and Moravia from Slovakia. Some foreign quarters heard an unconfirmed report last night that the Germans will follow the same route and establish a corridor between Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia and Ruthenia, thus completely isolating the Czechs and preventing the constant border incidents between the two parts of Czechoslovakia.—United Press.

Aerial Activity

Vienna, Mar. 14.
An unusual number of military airplanes have been flying over and near Vienna since dawn.—United Press.

Army's Route

Berlin, Mar. 14.
It is reported from Vienna that the German Army will probably move in along the Vienna-Breslau line already ceded by Prague as a German express highway.—United Press.

Troop Movements

Budapest, Mar. 14.
Reports received here from Eperjes in Slovakia state that considerable contingents of Czech troops passed through the city all day yesterday and this morning in the direction of the Carpatho-Ukrainian frontier.
One of the Czech troops trains became derailed near the city when the wrong switch was pulled.

Shanghai

WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS DEMANDED

Washington, Mar. 14.
Japanese-American clashes in the International Settlement of Shanghai have prompted Senators J. H. Lewis and R. E. Reynolds to demand withdrawal of all the United States troops from the Orient, terming their presence in the war zone "a threat to peace."

The Senators said that the United States commercial stake is too small to warrant the presence of the troops. Senator David I. Walsh challenged their statement, asserting that withdrawal of troops would violate international agreements and leave the United States unprotected, "which is tantamount to withdrawing policemen from the streets of Washington, and expecting law and order to continue as before. We have definite obligations in the Settlement," he said.

Senator Reynolds said: "The whole of China is not worth spilling the blood of a single son of a United States mother." He added that the United States investments in China are only U.S.\$240,000,000. "In order to protect this we have to maintain troops in China which might lead to considerable embarrassment, trouble and possible embroilment," he added.

Hungary Presents Ultimatum

Berlin, Mar. 14.
An ultimatum has been presented to the Prague Government by Hungary in connection with the entry of Hungarian troops into Carpatho-Ukraine on Tuesday, according to a reliable source in Budapest. It is stated that the crossing of the frontier by Hungarian troops is motivated by "intolerable provocations of the Czech troops, and their attacks on Hungarian frontier guards."—Trans-Ocean.

Clashes With Hungary

Budapest, Mar. 14.
Reports from Chust this morning state that conflicts occurred in the Carpatho-Ukraine between Czech soldiery and members of the Hungarian minority.
In the Carpatho-Ukraine Czech troops continued to arrive from Eastern Slovakia all day yesterday. According to reports, a decisive struggle between Czechs and Carpatho-Ukrainians is now in preparation. In Carpatho-Ukrainian circles it is stated more and more emphatically that no outside domination would be tolerated. Arrests are being made continually by the Czech gendarmes.

The concentration camp at Raho is so overcrowded that it had to be enlarged in the last few days. Inhuman treatment of the prisoners is of common occurrence.—Trans-Ocean.

Hungarian Invasion

Berlin, Mar. 14.
It is officially stated that Hungarian troops crossed the Czech frontier and occupied the town of Oerhegyalla during a clash with Czech troops. The Czechs opened fire on the Hungarian border troops and the latter returned the fire and advanced across the frontier. Firing was still going on this morning.
The number of Czech prisoners and casualties has not been revealed. Oerhegyalla is near Munkacsu or Munkacs, in the Carpatho-Ukraine which became Hungarian territory after the Munich agreement.—United Press.

Frontier Incidents

Budapest, Mar. 14.
A serious incident occurred on the Hungarian-Carpatho-Ukraine border, Munkacs this morning. The Hungarian version accuses the Czechs of attacking the Hungarian frontier guard.
The Hungarians occupied the village of Paderhind, two miles north of Munkacs.

A free-for-all fight resulted between the railway men and newly conscripted Czech recruits, a number of seriously and slightly injured men being left between the railway tracks.—Trans-Ocean.

German Troops Expected

Vienna, Mar. 14.
German troops are expected to march into Czechoslovakia during the next few hours.
Traffic in Vienna this morning was practically at a standstill owing to soldiers moving through the streets in full war kit and heading for the Slovak frontier.

An official German spokesman, asked by Reuter whether occupation of Slovakia has begun, replied "not yet," but added it was probable.—Reuter.

German Troops Marching

Prague, Mar. 14.
It is stated at Bratislava that Dr. Tiso telegraphed Herr Hitler for help in order to prevent disorders, and Vienna messages state that German troops are already marching into Slovakia.—Reuter.

No Cabinet Changes?

Prague, Mar. 14.
The Czechoslovak Council of Ministers continued in session last

Soldiers Killed

Singapore, Mar. 14.
One was killed and three seriously injured in a shell explosion at Pulau Tekong, fortified island off Changi, during firing practice in connection with the manoeuvres.
The dead man was Gunner James Murray, 20. He and the others belong to the 22nd Heavy Battery, Ninth Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery.—United Press.

Palentino

POSTPONE PROBLEM FOR YEAR

American Zionists' Suggestion

London, Mar. 14.
The Times confirms that Monday's Cabinet session formulated final proposals for the solution of the Palestine problem, but hints that the Government probably will not make this word "final" in too strict a sense of the term.

The situation now seems to be that from the English side the present proposals are regarded as the "final" discussion basis.

The new document will probably be handed to the Arabs on Wednesday and to the Jews on the same day but later. Both delegations will then meet again separately for discussion of these proposals. Should no agreement be reached, the Secretary for Colonies, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, will, according to The Times, immediately publish a "forced solution" in the form of a white paper.—Trans-Ocean.

American Zionists

London, Mar. 14.
A postponement of the settlement of the Palestine question by at least a year is proposed by representatives of the American Zionists as the result of the British proposals for a solution of the problem, so it was stated in conference circles on Tuesday.

The American Zionists base their proposal on the expectation that by that time the international situation will have quietened down and the unrest in Palestine will come to an end. The discontent of the Zionist representatives with the British proposals also finds expression in a report in the Daily Herald, which states that if the rumours of the creation of an independent Palestine state to be set up after a certain transitional period should prove true, the American Zionists would open a great propaganda campaign against England. For this eventuality an extraordinary Zionist World Congress had already been convened to meet in Washington next month in order to make a direct appeal to the democracies and the United States, so as to prevent the "defrauding" of the Jewish people.—Trans-Ocean.

night and in view of the seriousness of the situation, the plan to make certain changes in the Cabinet have been abandoned. The differences between various Ministers have removed any possibility of the council proceeding tranquilly.

The fact that the Foreign Minister M. Chvalkovsky, had an audience with the President of the Republic, is regarded as a favourable sign.

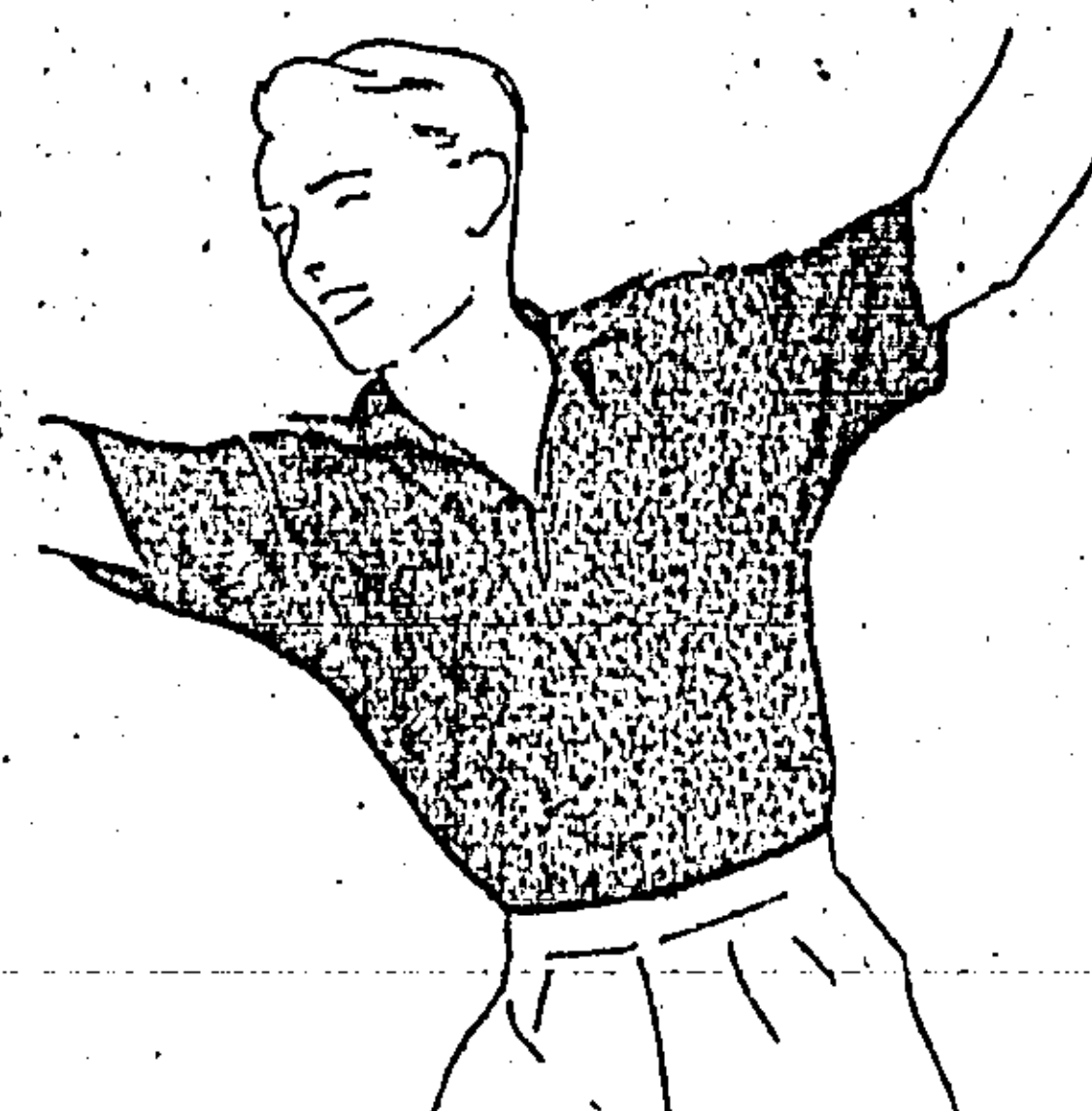
M. Chvalkovsky, Trans-Ocean learns from a well informed source, protested strongly against the action of the Government in dismissing the Slovak and Ukrainian Ministers. He is said to have declared that from the very beginning he advocated unconditional political co-operation with the German Reich. He also criticised Premier Bern for not having been better informed of the planned measures in Slovakia declaring that more opportune intervention would have saved the situation.—United Press.

Historic Decision

Prague, Mar. 14.
The Slovak Parliament will meet at 4 p.m. to "take a historic decision" according to Premier Sidor in a radio message. He stated that the extraordinary session had been called as a result of "the demand" from M. Josef Tiso, the ousted Premier, after Tiso had conferred with Herr Hitler. M. Sidor said "the decision will be of importance not only for Slovakia but for the whole of Central Europe."—United Press.

Momentous Meeting
Prague, Mar. 14.
An extraordinary session of the Slovak Diet at which it is thought the independence of Slovakia will be (Continued on Page 5.)

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RUMJAHN COUSINS SUPPLY MORE THRILLS IN DOUBLES

Outplayed At First But Recover Well To Win

(By "Abdo")

No greater compliment can be paid to the Rumjahn cousins, "S. A." and "H. D.," than to say that after 14 years of continuous partnership they are still as delightful to watch as they were in 1925 when, as mere striplings, they entered the Colony Tennis Championships together for the first time.

Then, they were fresh from their Club successes and were looking for new worlds to conquer. Since 1925 they have won every conceivable honour in local tennis, yet instead of interest in them being on the wane, it remains as warm as ever. The reason for this probably is that there is a quality in their play which keeps one's interest sustained, whether they are winning or losing.

Yesterday's programme in the current tournament provided another example of why the Rumjahn cousins still succeed in drawing the crowd. For the first half of their match against the Chinese R.C. pair, Lee Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk, they looked likely to be eliminated in the second round—a thing which has never happened during the 14 successive seasons in which they have participated in the doubles championship. But it turned out to be the same old story: they finally recovered to win by the odd set.

WINNERS FORTUNATE

In some respects, it has to be admitted, the Rumjahns were fortunate yesterday. Half-way through their match, a slight drizzle began to fall, making the court very slippery; and the Rumjahns, being the more agile pair, were not affected to the same extent as their opponents, though the only player to fall was "H.D.," who did so while attempting to receive an acutely angled volley. Furthermore, the rain must have been a bother to Lu Tak-cheuk, who was wearing glasses. At any rate, it was evident that he did not play as well during and after the drizzle as he had done before.

The Rumjahns needed the first set not because they played in a light-hearted manner as they so often do but because they were beaten by a pair who played the better tennis. Indeed so well were Lee and Lu playing in the first set that hopes of their causing an upset rose very high. The Chinese countered hard drives with magnificent volleys, and lob with smashes which searched the side-lines.

While it imparted a great deal of speed and angle to his smashes and volleys, Lee was more varied and often caught the Rumjahns unawares with stop volleys and drop shots. But as so often the case, the Rumjahns began to play better when they sensed danger of defeat. Mistakes were reduced to a minimum, their lob was always of a depth to inspire respect, and slowly but inexorably they pulled up, and once the set was squandered, the odds were on them winning.

A GREAT FIGHT

However, they did not win the second set without a fight. Services were held until 3-3 was called, and then they broke through Lu's service. Sirdar reached 40-love on his service, but to the horror of the Rumjahns supporters, the C.R.C. pair won the next six points in a row to reach the game, which meant that instead of having a lead of 5-3, the Rumjahns were checked at 4-4. The set had only been delayed, as it proved for they broke through Lee's service and then "H.D." held his to win out in the tenth game.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Lee Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Paul Kong and B. Szeto beat J. W. Leonard and G. Choa 6-4, 6-0.

I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu beat Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam 6-1, 6-1.

Singles

S. W. Liang beat N. A. E. Mackay 6-3, 6-2.

F. H. Kwok beat P. S. Leong 6-3, 6-2.

Luk Chun-cheong beat C. R. Bax 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

W. K. Ma beat T. A. Pearce 9-7, 6-3.

Though play in parts reached a high level, the third set was something of an anti-climax. After 2-2 had been reached, the Rumjahns won the next four games for the set and match. The Chinese resistance weakened considerably in the last few games; even Lee, who had been the sturdiest of the four, began to make mistakes, and Lu was caught with the ball at his feet on several occasions as he went hesitantly up to the net.

On the whole, it was a splendid game, providing enough excitement for the large gallery, the majority of whom must have expected a sensational upset after the first set.

EASY VICTORIES

J. W. Leonard and George Choa, who reached the semi-finals last season, were put out by Paul Kong and Sze Eick in the second round yesterday. The latter pair won with surprising ease by scores of 6-4, 6-0.

The strong all-round game of the winners told its tale. Kong and Sze revealed few weaknesses yesterday, and on this form, they should go far.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme to-day:

Lim Thiam-tet v. Lee Yue-wing

G. George v. P. S. Leong

A. Crawford v. Pang O-lam

E. C. Fincher v. Paul Kong



The Rumjahn cousins, many times winners of the Colony doubles tennis championship, gave local enthusiasts another thrill at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday when they met Lee Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk, of the Chinese R.C. in the second round. After losing the first set and being 2-3 down in the second, they staged a splendid recovery to win by 5-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Armstrong To Defend His Welterweight Title In England

London, Feb. 23.

In the first week of April Henry Armstrong, a dual champion of the world, the greatest boxing attraction, bar Joe Louis, in the United States, will sail to England. Brigadier-General Critchley, travelling ambassador on behalf of himself and his sports enterprises, has pulled off the match on which his mind has been set for many months.

He has fixed Armstrong with Ernie Roderick at the White City Stadium, London, for late May or early June. General Critchley cabled the good news from New York yesterday, and though he makes no mention of the money he is to pay Homelide Henry—in private life Mr. Henry Jackson, of St. Louis, Missouri—it may be assumed that Henry's visit is not likely to cost a penny less than £10,000.

When the general departed to talk things over with the coloured champion's manager, Eddie Meade, it was agreed that conversations would begin with £7,000 as a basis. From that point Mr. Meade expected to go up and then up some more. Had he gone down, the Managers Union would have branded him as the blackest of blacklegs, and the general would have decided there was something phoney about the whole deal.

Also mentioned in the contract is Jackie Kilrain, a Scot who almost forgot. Kilrain has been going to fight Roderick since the last Derby at Epsom, but what with one thing and another happening to him, Kilrain has had to postpone his return to the ring until Grand National eve at Liverpool.

On that night (March 23) Kilrain and Roderick meet for the British welterweight championship. General Critchley has therefore taken into account a possibility which makes him shudder... that Kilrain might plant an inconsiderate swing on the Roderick chin.

ALL THAT MATTERS

As for Armstrong, he doesn't mind whether Kilrain misses or lands. He is getting £10,000, no matter whom he meets and that's all he cares about.

However, there is no denying at this moment that Armstrong v. Roderick looks the better match. A road-fighter and experienced boxer is Roderick, and a great puncher. Boxing skill has been moulded to a natural fighting style. Roderick can shoot punches from anywhere. He looks the most likely man in Britain, apart from Sydney Wooderson, to give Armstrong a run.

(£7,050): Jimmy Hines of Garden City, New York 318 points, Ralph Guldahl of Madison, N. J. 310 points (£5,987); Henry Picard of Hershey, Pa. 274 points (£5,050); Cooper 270 points (£7,840); Reynolds 265 points (£5,553); Byron Nelson of Redding, Pa. 238 points (£3,455); Vic Chertoff of Deni N. J. 207 points (£4,831) and Horton Smith of Oak Park, Ill. 203 points (£4,183).

SNEAD VS. THE FIELD

Snead's ascent to the throne was perhaps the most rapid on record. Although he started swinging a shiny stick when he was eight years old, he was unknown beyond the city limits of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. until 1930.

He never won a tournament until he captured the Oakland, California, with a 270 in 1937, then added Bing Crosby's open and pro-amateur the next week. Since then the tournaments have been reduced to Snead's annual tour of the field—British United Press.



Sam Snead

Others in the first 10 and their winnings were: Runyan, 370 points Press.

RECREIO BADMINTON PLAYERS MAY PAY A VISIT TO SHANGHAI

Ladies Should Hold Their Own Up North

(By "The Bird")

Although it has not been possible either to arrange for a Hongkong Interport badminton team to visit Shanghai this year, or for Shanghai to send a side down to the Colony, I am told that there is a distinct possibility that a team from the Club de Recreio will journey to Shanghai next month, or early May to play a series of matches with clubs in the northern port.

Last Evening's Matches

The following were the results of the matches played at Talkoo last evening:

SENIOR SINGLES

F. Koh beat T. F. Yong 17-16, 18-17.

MEN'S DOUBLES

F. S. Bun and M. S. Lim beat D. Kwok and F. H. Kwok 17-16, 18-17.

Harvey Thinks Louis Is Vulnerable

London, Feb. 17.

The heavyweight champion of the British Empire sipped his beer in a dark room off Fleet Street, leaned across the table and said, "If they think I'm a bum in America, they have every right to."

It was Len Harvey speaking—Len Harvey, who in many ways is the most amazing fighter in the world, a man who thinks Joe Louis has a weakness and who would like to prove it in the ring some time.

"If Tommy Farr can go 15 rounds with Louis," Harvey said, "I don't see any reason why I shouldn't give him a tough go. In America I doubt if anyone wants to see me fight. But here in England Louis and I would draw a gate of £100,000 or more."

Like Max Schmeling, Harvey thinks Louis is vulnerable and, like Schmeling, he's keeping it as his own secret.

"Louis can punch," Harvey said. "But there's no rule in boxing that says that you have to let a man crack you with his best punch. My rule is never to give one to land two blows, but to give none and land three. Notice Louis' feet and the position he strikes from. They tell much about his weakness."

REMARKABLE CAREER

Harvey's career is something to write home about in these days of powder-puff punchers and brittle heavyweights. He began fighting at the age of 13, when he weighed only 84 pounds. He has fought in every division from flyweight to heavy weight and has had more than 400 bouts. And now, in his 10th year in the ring, Harvey is still clear-eyed and unmarked.

He was asked why he thought people in the United States would consider him a bum. Harvey laughed and recalled that he had three fights in the United States and lost them all, two to Vince Dundee and one to Ben Juby. That was in 1931 when Harvey was a middleweight.

"I should have been a sensation in the United States," he said. "The very first punch I landed, floored Vince Dundee for a nine count. I never landed a good punch after that. That two fights I had with Juby were the worst of my career."

FOOTBALL TOURISTS

Straits Team Leaves For Manila And Hongkong

Singapore, Mar. 14. The Straits Chinese Football Association team left to-day on board the m.v. Victoria to play a series of football matches against Manila and Hongkong. The United Press. The Straits team is first going to Manila, and on their return journey will pass through the Colony. They are expected here about the end of March, and tentative arrangements have been made by the South China Athletic Association to play against them on April 1 and 2.

Doping Wicket At Oval Alleged

A page from an English weekly, which allegedly shows in a series of photographs the method of doping the Kennington Oval wicket, has been passed on to the Australian Cricket Association. The Victorian Cricket Association is also declaring that on such a wicket bowlers stand no chance of displaying their wiles, and the sooner such practice is stopped, the better it will be for cricket.

Mr. Davey, Secretary of the Surrey County Cricket Club, told Reuter that the series of photographs was certainly taken last summer, but pointed out, that, so far as the Oval Test wickets were concerned, they were being prepared to-day by the same methods as those of 40 years ago.—Reuter Special.

Henry Armstrong
He is terrific but so is his bill.

Oxford University Beaten At Rugby

London, Mar. 14. Cardiff to-day defeated Oxford University at rugby, winning by 24 points to 16.—Reuter.

Fifth Cricket Test Now Abandoned?

M.C.C. Tourists Close To Sensational Win

Needing 696 runs in the fourth innings to win the Fifth Cricket Test against South Africa at Durban, the M.C.C. had scored 654 for five wickets by tea-time yesterday. Heavy rain and poor light during the interval made resumption of play impossible.

A report, not officially confirmed, states that owing to the necessity for the team to sail for England the Test had to be abandoned as a draw. If this is the case, it is particularly unfortunate for the tourists because they now need only 24 runs to win with five wickets in hand.

Peculiar though this report appears to be, it gains credence owing to the fact that according to the official fixtures of the tour, the programme was due to conclude with a match against West Province, which was to have been played on March 11, 13 and 14. The Test, however, has dragged on for 11 days, having started on March 3.

The M.C.C. tourists raised further fame to-day by establishing a world record score for the fourth innings of 678 for 3 at the lunch interval, beating the 572 made by New South Wales against South Australia in Sydney in the 1907-8 season.

It was also England's highest Test score against South Africa, beating the 550 for 9 declared at Capetown on January 9.

There was a small crowd of 300 when Hammond (58) and Paynter (24) resumed their innings. The poor attendance was due to the threatening weather. The wicket appeared to be wearing at the ends, but it was playing easy.

The 500 was hoisted after 620 minutes of play and when 524 wickets registered Hammond had scored 75 and Paynter 32.

Paynter had made 52 including a couple of fours when the partnership gave 100 runs in 152 minutes. At this stage there was a couple of stoppages owing to rain. Ames having joined partnership with Hammond.

The score was taken to 650 when Hammond was stumped by Grieverson off Dalton. Hammond made 140, including seven fours, with fine classic driving. He stayed at the wickets for 349 minutes.

Valentine joined Ames and they carried the total to 654 for 5 when the wicket was taken. Ames having scored 17 and Valentine 4. The tourists now needed 42 runs to win and they had five wickets in hand.

minutes and he had hit three boundaries. A feature of his play was the grand driving to cover and his cutting.

The 602 was reached in 748 minutes. Just when the South Africans looked disconsolate and a beaten side, Paynter edged a ball from Gordon into Grieverson's hands, 611 for 4. His 75, which included five fours, was made in an aggressive five innings marked by fine driving. At this stage there was a couple of stoppages owing to rain. Ames having joined partnership with Hammond.

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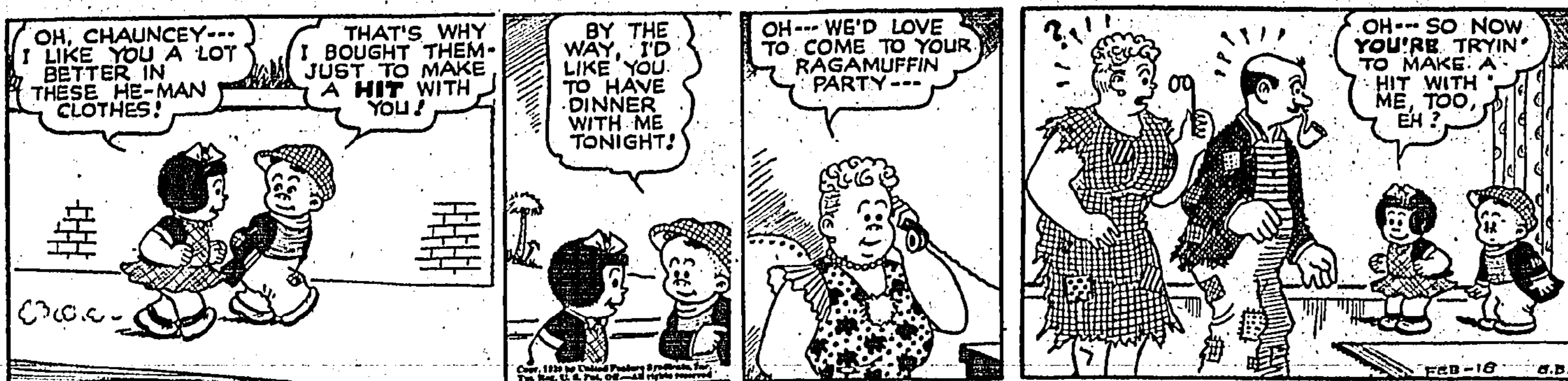
Scores: South Africa.—First Innings .. 530
Second Innings .. 431
M.C.C.—First Innings .. 316

M.C.C.—2nd Innings

Hutton, b Mitchell .. 55
Gibb, b Dalton .. 123
Edrich, c Gordon, b Langton .. 219
Hammond, st Grieverson, b Dalton .. 140
Paynter, c Grieverson, b Gordon .. 75
Ames, not out .. 17
Valentine, not out .. 4
Extras .. 15

Total (for 5 wickets) .. 645
Fall of wickets—1 (Hutton) for 75; 2 (Gibb) for 305; 3 (Edrich) for 447; 4 (Paynter) for 611; 5 (Hammond) for 650.—Reuter.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Slogans Can Help Golfers A Great Deal

AN AID TO BETTER CONCENTRATION Latest Is: "Stay Behind The Shot"

London, Feb. 14.

James Hines, Metropolitan Open champion, is regarded as almost a certain choice for the United States team to meet Great Britain in this year's Ryder Cup match.

A powerfully built young man of similar physique to R. A. Whitcombe, British Open champion, Hines has gained a reputation as one of the mighty hitters.

Weighing 14 stones, he thinks nothing of rapping out 280 yards drives even with the larger American ball which, in theory, is not supposed to travel as far as the smaller British ball.

He uses a 14 1/4-oz. driver which is considerably heavier than the normal weight. Unless unusually strong in the hands, wrists, and forearms it is inadvisable to employ a driver of that weight, the tendency being for the club to swing the player instead of conversely.

There is a mistaken notion that the heavier the club the longer the drive; actually the exact opposite is the case, writes a correspondent.

The chief factor of length is speed of clubhead at impact—the greater the speed, the greater the length. For the average player the maximum weight is 13 1/2 oz., the best results being obtained with a club of 13 oz. Inexperienced and ill-informed players should be warned that it does not follow because Hines can hit tremendous distances with a heavy club, they can do the same. Hines is an interesting personality, being the chief exponent of the style known as "staying behind the shot."

Americans are fond of slogans which have their use if only to help the player to concentrate on one thing at a time. One of the most

useful is "Hit past the chin," a neat, clear-cut phrase which has done more to assist the player to keep his head down and to look at the ball than anything else.

It is the unshakable belief of a friend of mine that by concentrating on this slogan, and repeating slowly to himself the four words, "Hit past the chin," his handicap has come down six strokes to single figures in eight months. Some day he hopes to reach the scratch mark.

ANOTHER SECRET

It may be that some other golfer by strict adherence to the exhortation contained in the phrase, "Stay behind the shot," will make similar rapid progress. Hines claims that it is the secret of long hitting, and good golf in general. Allowing the body to move forward in the direction of the hole as the downward movement of the hands is made, in one of the main reasons why the "rabbit" remains a "rabbit."

The principal symptoms are body sway and the failure to keep the head at its anchorage during the back swing. Further, the left side is allowed to give way, a condition not surprising since too much of the weight of the body is shifted to the right leg.

In these circumstances, there is not sufficient time to get it back and build up a firmly braced left leg and side. Because the ball in relation to the weight, speed, and momentum of the club offers little more resistance than a piece of cottonwool, the player has to find something to hit against. In his case the fulcrum is the left side from the foot upwards.

A flabby left side means a flabby, lined shot. Hines' pigeon-toed stance is typical of Cotton's address. In the case of the American player the stance is adopted to restrict the body turn, too much of which he regards as highly dangerous.

The backward swing of the hands is also curtailed, the point reached being slightly higher than the shoulders way Hines is able to keep the shots consistently straight without sacrificing length because of his great inherent strength, and, most important of all, he "stays behind the shot."

In the effort to keep his 14 stones behind the blow Hines almost gives the impression of falling backwards, a position known in America as a "Charley horse."

AN IMPORTANT HINT

A vertical line drawn from the left heel, which is dug into the turf, shows the whole body well behind the line. The follow-through indicates that the right hand, as in the case of all the experts, has taken control just before impact and carried on to a complete and uninterrupted finish.

While unable to drive as far as Hines, we may be able to hit farther and straighter by adopting the counsel, "Stay behind the shot."

Marcel Dallemagne, the Frenchman, who is one of the world's longest hitters, has no slogans to offer in the way of advice. According to him, length depends on three factors—physical strength, speed of down swing, and accuracy in hitting. He regards physical strength as the principal factor, and it is significant that no examples exist of exceptionally long hitters who lack power. Strength lies chiefly in the wrists and forearms, for, according to their muscular development, the player will either be a long or a short hitter.

In the case of Hines, he has enormously big, powerful hands and the muscular forearms of a blacksmith. But there are some players of aver-

143,982 PAID £11,269 TO SEE F.A. CUP "SERIAL"

By Charles Buchan

London, Feb. 3.

After five and a half hours of strenuous football spread over three games, West Ham United beat Tottenham Hotspur yesterday in the replayed fourth round F.A. Cup tie at Highbury.

In the second period of extra time Mcnealey scored the goal that gave West Ham the right to visit Portsmouth in the fifth round on Saturday week.

The aggregate attendance at the three games was 143,982, the receipts totalling £11,269. There were 42,716 at the first game at Upton Park, 50,789 at White Hart Lane, and 50,467 at Highbury.

Each club will be richer, as a result of the ties, to the extent of about £3,500. The F.A. takes 5 per cent. of the receipts at each replay, while roughly one-sixth is paid in entertainment tax.

ALL PAY

With the expenses for the three games, including the fee for playing

age strength who hit farther than those with exceptional strength. In their case the secret is speed; they make up for inferior power by greater speed of clubhead in the down swing. It often happens that with muscular development pushed to extremes a condition of rigidity sets in and speed is lost. Thus, golfers who give the appearance of being able to drive 300 yards find great difficulty in reaching the 200 yards mark.

PRACTISE DAILY

The best method of developing the essential muscles is the hitting of balls, and in this vile weather, when golf is an undesirable adventure, an hour's practice a day driving balls into a net can be undertaken with undoubted advantages. In his younger days Cotton indulged in two hours' practice hitting balls against a garage wall. He developed into one of the longest and one of the most accurate of drivers. His slogan, would be "Practise intelligently." Jones, on the other hand, coined the golden phrase, "Wait for it" (meaning the clubhead), while Alec Morrison based his treatise of two hundred pages on "Pointing the chin."

Morrison dogmatizes; for instance, he says: "If you have been told not to 'sway,' forget it. Such advice is harmful and misleading. The correct body balance in golf is a moving one, as in walking. You must shift your weight from foot to foot before turning the body if you hope to get efficiency and power into the swing. It is because this fact is not generally understood that a turning of the body is usually advised and taught as the proper method of beginning the back swing. It is wrong."

"Any attempt to maintain a fixed balance or distribute the weight evenly between the feet while swinging will tighten the muscles and joints in the lower part of the body. It creates tension and discomfort, both of which will increase as the swing progresses." The best example of the "away" is Ray, whose huge frame moves from side to side as the swing begins. Mitchell puts it another way. He says that a lateral shift of the hips to the right takes place before any body turn is attempted. "Keep moving," would be his slogan.

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OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) trajectory—winnable—windlass tranquilly—stupor—qualification

HOCKEY TOURNEY

C.B.A. And D.G.S. Draw In Brawn Cup Match

An evenly contested Brawn Cup hockey match, ending in a draw of 1-1, was played between the Central British Association and the Diocesan Girls School in Kowloon yesterday. Playing on their own ground, the school girls missed many chances to score through hastiness and misjudgment in handling the ball when close to goal. Scores opened in the second half when Miss E. Woolley converted for C.B.A. as a result of a short corner.

The school girls succeeded towards the end of the game when A. Chan netted after breaking through the opposition on her own.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was more activity in the market to-day, and the turnover was fairly large, particularly in Docks which were dealt in at \$18.90/\$19.40 for the Old and \$18.10/\$18.50 for the new shares. Electrics at \$50 1/2/57, and Watsons at \$9.05/9.15.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,410
Bank of East Asia \$30
Canton Insurance \$225
Union Insurance \$177 1/2
H.K. Fire Insurance \$100
Doughlass \$67
H.K. Docks (Old) \$19
H.K. Docks (New) \$19 1/2
H. & S. Hotels \$50
H.K. Tramways \$42.50
Yanumai Ferries (Old) \$24 1/2
H.K. Electric \$50 1/2
Sandakan Lights \$11.10
Telephones (Old) \$22 1/2
Telephones (New) \$7.50
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H.K. Ropes \$4.10
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CRICKET CLUB ELEVENS

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong C.C. in League matches against the Club de Recreio on Saturday:
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LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

The final of the Ladies' Championship played on the Old Course at Fanling yesterday afternoon resulted in a win for Mrs. J. W. Shewan, who beat Mrs. J. F. King four and two.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Canton University Economics Society will be held at the University auditorium on Friday, March 17, at 7 p.m. During the meeting, new officers will be elected and many resolutions will be placed before the members. All members, past and present, are cordially invited to attend.



Love's fatal arrow strikes Jean Parker and John Dean, the romantic leads, in the new Bob Burns comedy-drama of "home-town" life, "The Astorian Traveller," which opens at the Grand Theatre to-night.

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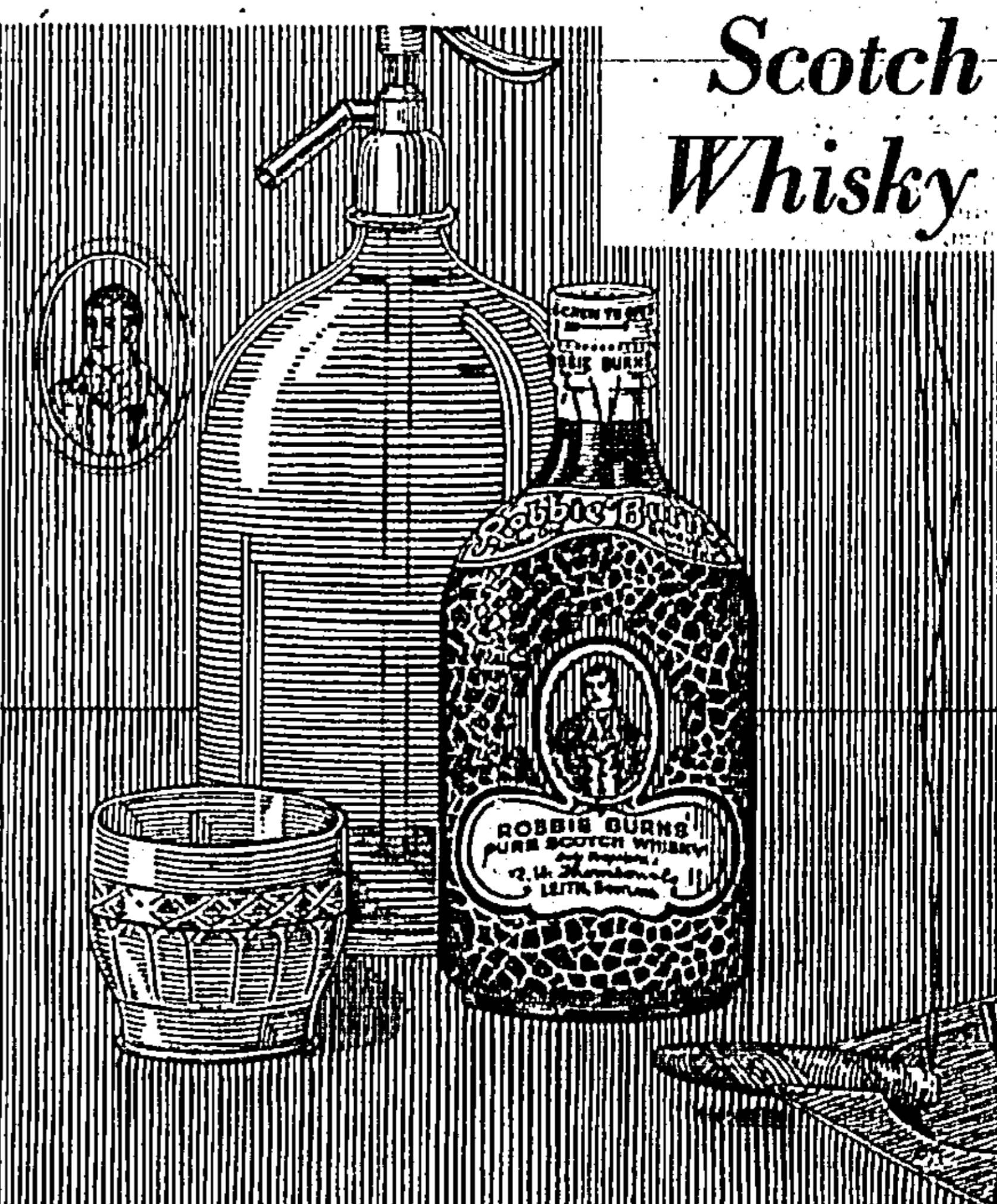
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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 2770), will close at 12 NOON.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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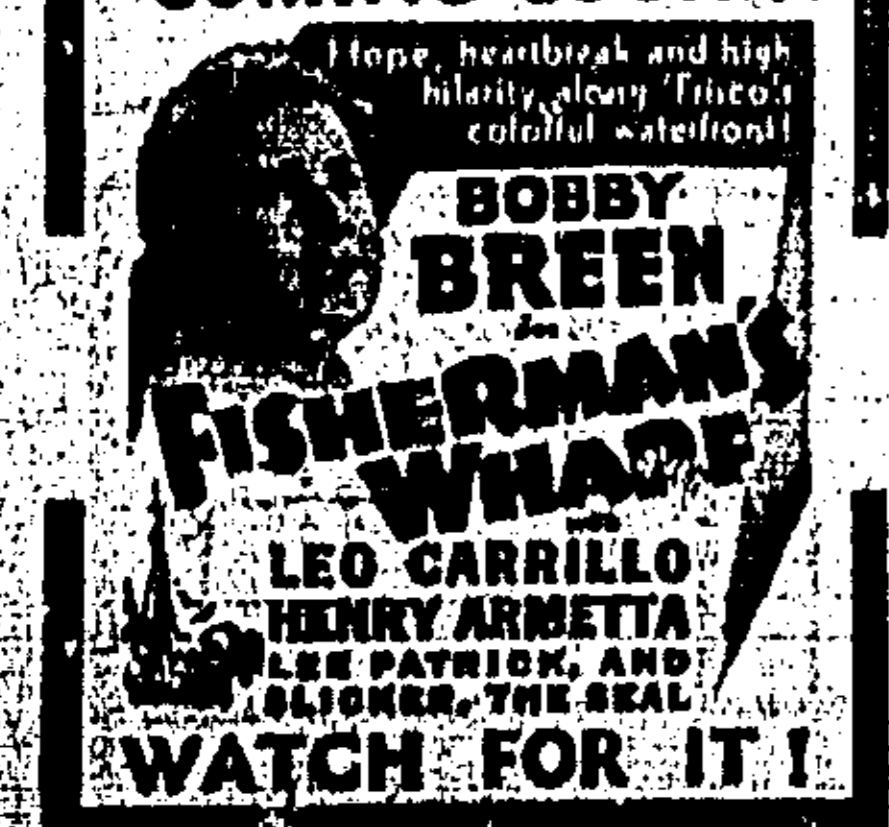
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Hongkong, 13th March, 1939.

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CHITRAL	15,500	30th Mar.	Shanghai & Japan.
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ABOVE: Miss J. R. B. Donaldson arrives at the Kowloon Union Church with Mr. J. D. Thomson for her marriage to Mr. E. W. Coulson.

LEFT: Bridal group photograph after the Coulson-Donaldson wedding—King's Studio.



ABOVE: Miss Violet Bradbury who was bridesmaid at the Coulson-Donaldson wedding.



RIGHT: Correct heavy anti-gas clothing as shown at the recent A.R.P. Exhibition. — King's Studio.



H.E. the Governor, Lady Northcote, Captain Batty-Smith, Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins and Mrs. Steele-Perkins at the A.R.P. Exhibition.—Staff Photographer.

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Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 18th March, 1939.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

E. OHL, Agent.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1939.

Czech Reign Of Terror Is Alleged

Pressburg, Mar. 14.

The reign of Czech terror which has been raging against the Slovaks and Germans for days was extended yesterday also to the Hungarian minorities.

In the Carpatho-Ukrainian town of Nagyszabolc near Sevljus, Czech troops opened fire on the town council, consisting mostly of Hungarians, one of whom was seriously wounded.

Trans-Ocean.

Appeal to Reich

Prague, Mar. 14.

Reports received here from the German minority centres in Czechoslovakia reveal that the Czech reign of terror continues with martial law being proclaimed in the various towns and districts.

The conditions at Igla are said to be especially bad. Not a single window pane of the houses occupied by Germans was left unsmashed, and many dwellings were demolished by the Czech mob, apparently consisting chiefly of Marxists and Communists, who are again playing a leading role in confusing the political situation.

The local leader of the German Party at Igla, Dr. Hansmann, issued an urgent appeal to the German public in the Reich saying, "We beg that help be sent us. The life of every German in Igla and the environs is in danger." Trans-Ocean.

URBAN COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Urban Council yesterday, a letter from Government relative to the election of Dr. S. N. Chiu to be a member of the Urban Council for a term of three years was laid on the table.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. R. R. Todd, Chairman.

The following applications for licences were refused: An eating house licence for 88 Felho Street, ground floor.

A food factory licence for 200 Queen's Road Central, ground floor; a food shop (fruit) licence for 184 Hollywood Road, ground floor.

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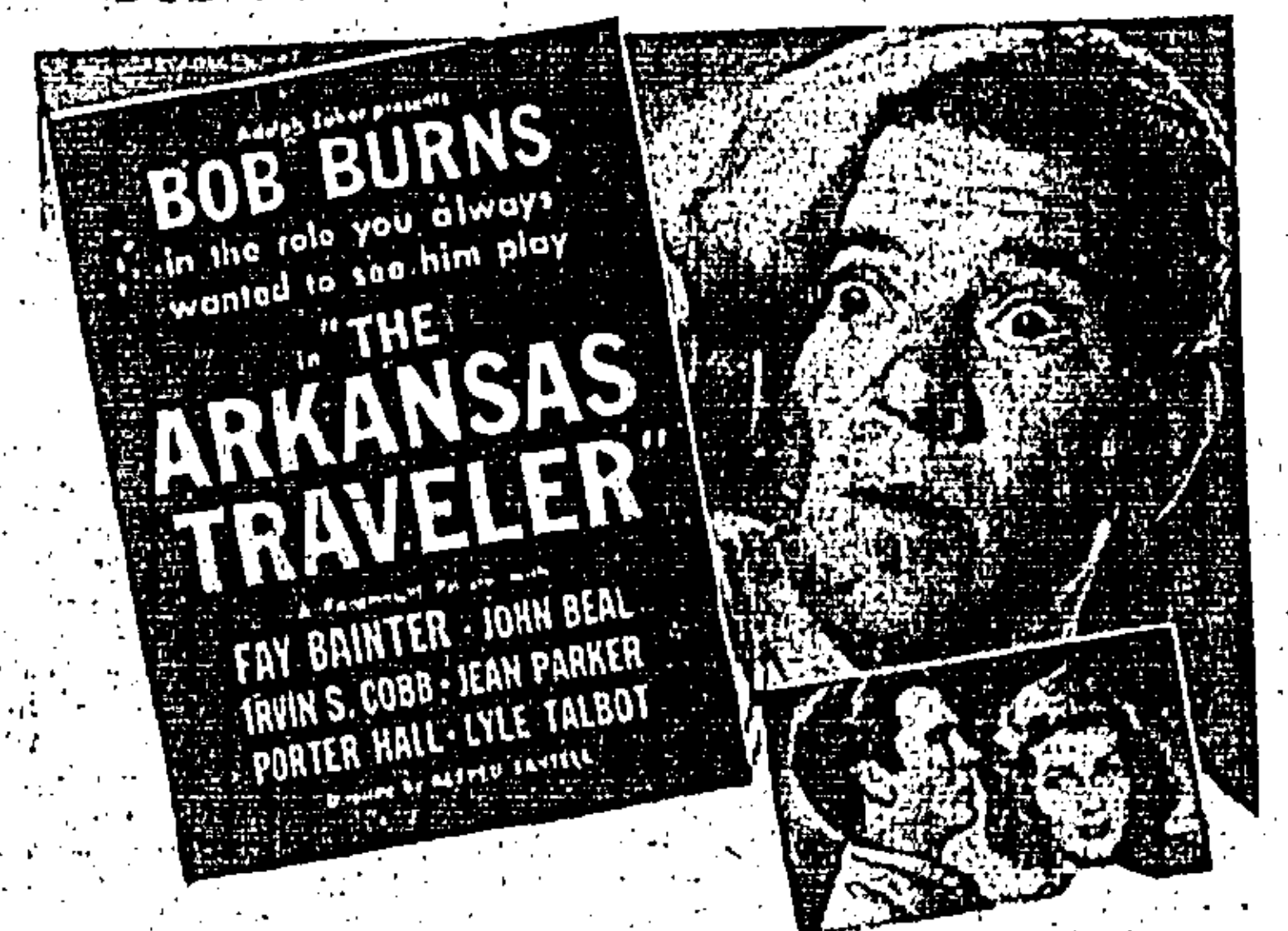


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INSURANCE CASE

Witness Denies Invoices Were Falsely Made

Tam Sum-hang, employee of the Yu Ching Cheong Firm, Kobe, was called to give evidence in the action against China Underwriters Ltd., which continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Abell MacGregor, yesterday.

The Cheong Shing Hong plaintiffs, claim from defendants \$80,000,23, being the rateable proportion of insurance borne by them for the loss of goods, marine products and seafoods, lost in a fire in January last year.

The defence is that 127 of the 137 items claimed are fraudulent, and benefits under the policy are, therefore, forfeited. It is further alleged that the prices of some of the goods had been charged higher than the market price, and that the weight and price book had been altered.

Mr. Eldon Potter, s.c., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, appear for plaintiffs firm on the instructions of Mr. E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co. Defendants are represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marlon, of Deacons.

Examined in chief by Mr. Macnamara, Tam said yesterday that he was last in Hongkong in December, 1937. He had come to the Colony on this occasion in reply to a cable from plaintiffs in connection with this claim. His job in Kobe was to prepare advice notes and invoices, and he identified a number of these made out by him and a set which had been made out by other employees of his firm. Witness said the first procedure was to book space for freight to Hongkong and then, knowing the sailings of steamers in advance, he could prepare the advice notes and invoices. Invoices required such additional items entered as labour, insurance, Union payments, commission, storage, towing, freight, etc., and these were sometimes made up until a month after the sailing of the steamer. He denied that any false invoices had been made. A number of corrections of errors had been sent and the information on these was obtained from a godown book.

Other Duties

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, witness said his sole job was as stated, but he later agreed that in 1937 he travelled frequently to Hongkong to keep the plaintiffs informed of currency control and import restrictions then initiated by the Japanese Government. He agreed that he transmitted messages to Japan telling them what kind of goods could be imported, but this was merely incidental.

Witness admitted that he was an important member of the firm. Questioned on invoices and advice notes made out about the dates he was in Hongkong in 1937, witness said he could not remember when he actually made them. They may have been two or three weeks or a month from the time of the actual arrival of the goods in Hongkong. He agreed that the invoices were no concern of plaintiffs as they did not disburse the extra charges contained thereon, but he did not know why they were sent to Hongkong.

Under pressure, witness said it was his chief job to make out the invoices and advices, but he did not know why they were sent to Hongkong. It was in the discretion of the buyer in Japan as to whether they should be sent a month in advance of the goods, or later.

Counsel: I am suggesting that if these invoices were genuine at all, they would be sent within a short time of the ship's departure?

Witness: Sometimes I was away, and the folks would not make them out unless I specially asked them to as a favour, since it was my job. Asked as to the dates on several letters he wrote correcting invoices and advices, witness said, sometimes he used the Chinese and sometimes the Western calendar, and sometimes he wrote the date when the letter was written and sometimes the date of the subject matter under discussion. They were, in fact, not letters but statements.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

LATE NEWS

PRAGUE GRANTS FREEDOM

Prague, Mar. 14.
The Slovak declaration of independence is recognised in the following statement broadcast from Prague this afternoon:
"Slovakia has adopted a new course, and, following due deliberation, has decided in favour of independence. Czechs and Slovaks have co-operated for 20 years, and during this period collaboration was certainly not to the disadvantage of the Czechs. Throughout this time, the Slovaks, as well as the Czechs, were guided in their efforts by the will to benefit themselves and their mutual state."

"To-day the Federal bond between Bohemia and Slovakia ceases to exist, and each of us will pursue an individual existence."

"On this occasion, when two brotherly nations take leave of each other, we can truthfully assert that the Czech people have never entertained feeling of enmity for the Slovaks."

"We desire from the bottom of our heart that the Slovak nation will reap success in its future independent existence, and that the Slovak people will acquire economic conditions conforming with the requirements of the nation."

"The Czech State is now faced with a number of problems, which differ from those of former times. We are beginning a new epoch in our national life, and it is necessary that we take up the work of leadership with a spirit of unity, discipline, and prudence."

"In our co-operation with the Slovak independent State we shall retain friendly recollections, realising as we do, that political frontiers cannot separate the hearts of people who have been together for so many years."—Trans-Ocean.

War In 10 Days, Says U.S.

Washington, Mar. 14.
The virtual dissolution of Czechoslovakia has caused a painful impression here, declared the newspaper "Star", which adds:

"This new crisis is regarded as the forerunner of a more serious one before the end of the month. Reports from American diplomats in Central Europe indicate that the German and Italian Governments are preparing for a real showdown. Many warn of a real showdown. Many warn of a real showdown."

Official circles in Washington view to-day's developments as unmistakable evidence of the intention of the totalitarian States to secure the obedience of the remaining small democracies in the coming struggle with France and Britain.—Reuter.

City Death Leap

After injuring two of his fellow folks with a chopper, Li Yat, aged 30, jumped to his death from the second floor of the Chung Woo firm, in Bonham Strand East, this morning about 2 o'clock.

It is learned that Li woke up this morning and went into the kitchen, and came out with a chopper. He then started to attack the other employees sleeping there. When some of the men heard cries, they got up, and saw Li jump off the verandah. The injured men were removed to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Ichang Devastated

Over 100 casualties in new Japanese air raids on Ichang. Central part of wrecked city again devastated and planes attacked river craft. Bombs also carried out on Lukich, Sian and Faochi.

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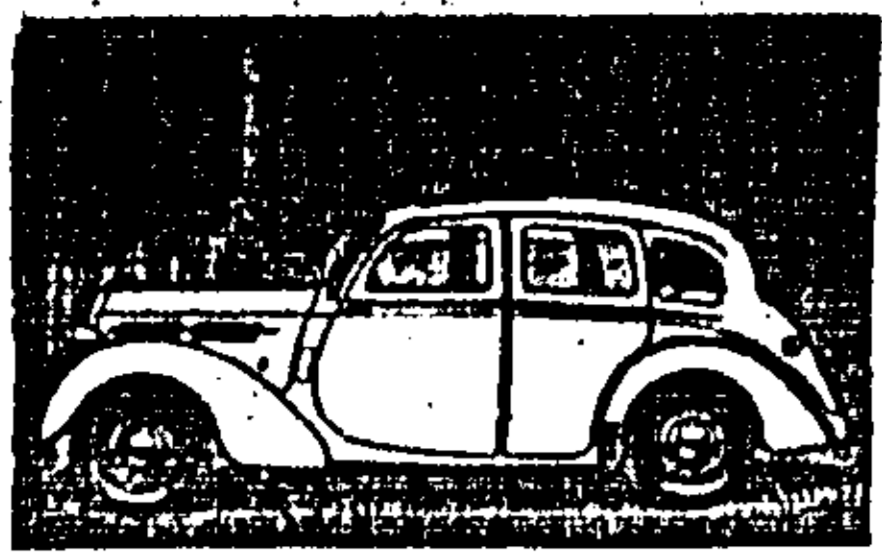
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St. Andrew's Presentation To Mrs. Baldwin
At the usual weekly meeting of the St. Andrew's Mothers' Union, held in the Church Hall yesterday, a presentation was made by Mrs. J. R. Higgs, on behalf of the Union, to Mrs. Higgs, who is leaving shortly for home. Mrs. Baldwin, replying, thanked St. John's Cathedral, and his subjects, for the kind words, and for "Gentleness." The subject, said all the co-operation they had given Mrs. Higgs, was particularly appropriate, since it was her gentleness, more than any other of her virtues, that had endeared Mrs. Baldwin to them. They would all miss her, and deeply regretted her departure, especially as it was not at all certain whether she would ever return to Hongkong. As a token of the Mothers' Union's appreciation of all the hard work done by Mrs. Baldwin, during her stay in Hongkong, they presented her with a travelling clock.

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CZECH TROOPS
ON BORDER

WORLD IS STARTLED

Czech Collapse A Historical Necessity

LONDON, Mar. 14.
WITH the 20 year-old Czecho-Slovak State disintegrated; with the vital talk to-night between President Hacha and Herr Hitler in Berlin concerning the fate of Moravia and Bohemia, and with the Hungarian ultimatum to Prague expiring at 2 a.m. to-morrow, the British Cabinet will have to consider the dramatic change in the face of Europe when it assembles to-morrow for the usual weekly meeting, writes a diplomatic observer.

Events to-day moved so swiftly that European opinion has scarcely had time to crystallise, and the British views expressed to-night, merely emphasised Mr. Chamberlain's statement to Parliament this afternoon, that the British attitude was one of complete neutrality.

There is no disposition in Britain to exaggerate the seriousness of an admittedly serious event; indeed an optimistic leader-writer in to-night's "Evening Standard" suggests that the "end of federal Czecho-Slovakia does not increase the risk of general hostilities in Europe, or indeed, put any fresh obstacle in Mr. Chamberlain's path."

French opinion appears to be identical with the British. "Reuter" reports from Paris show that opinion there is "calm, but not complacent". The latest developments being regarded as a regrettable aftermath to Munich, but it is not believed that Hitler intends to annex Czecho-Slovakia in view of his repeated declarations that he does not want foreigners within the German frontier.

In Polish circles, some confusion appears to prevail, since the events have not yet revealed whether Poland has cause for uneasiness or rejoicing. Berlin opinion is probably fairly represented by to-night's "Angriff" which comments that "the collapse of Czecho-Slovakia has become an historic necessity".

In Budapest, the official spokesman told "Reuter" that an ordered Government in Ruthenia was a "life insurance" for Hungary. It is believed that at the back of the Hungarian mind is the conviction that once Czech soldiers are removed from Ruthenia, the inhabitants will throw themselves into the arms of the Hungarians, without waiting for a plebiscite.—Reuter.

LATEST

Polish Troops To Mass

Warsaw, Mar. 14.
It is reported that arrangements have been made for Polish troops to meet to-morrow morning at Sanki and Laweczna in Poland on the Ruthenian frontier, and at Uzek and Sketarsky.—Reuter.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Hungary Denies She Is Marching

Budapest, Mar. 14.
The Hungarian Foreign Office spokesman to-day categorically denied reports that Hungarian troops had occupied a zone 25 miles inside Ruthenia.

He claimed that the Hungarian position was in accordance with the Note in January following the Munich incident, which stated that Hungarians in the event of further attack, would pursue the attackers beyond the line of demarcation.—United Press.

EUROPE SEETHING WITH RUMOURS OF TROOPINGS

BUDAPEST, MAR. 14.

HUNGARY'S ULTIMATUM TO PRAGUE, DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF CZECH TROOPS FROM RUTHENIA, AND THE RELEASE OF HUNGARIAN PRISONERS IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA, EXPIRES AT 2 A.M. G.M.T., (10 A.M. H.K.T.).

Hungary "declines to accept responsibility for the consequences" if the ultimatum is rejected, it was stated.

The ultimatum lists five demands:

- 1.—THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF HUNGARIAN PRISONERS;
- 2.—THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF THE PERSECUTION OF HUNGARIANS AND THE GRANT TO THEM OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANISE THEMSELVES;
- 3.—SUPPLY OF RIFLES TO THE HUNGARIAN PROTECTIVE ORGANISATIONS;
- 4.—THE WITHDRAWAL OF CZECH TROOPS FROM RUTHENIA TO BEGIN WITHIN 24 HOURS;
- 5.—FULL RESPECT FOR HUNGARIAN PROPERTY.—REUTER.

GERMANS INVADE MORAVIA

PRAGUE, Mar. 14.

OFFICIAL CZECH QUARTERS state that German troops have occupied Maerischowstrau, in Moravia, and official circles confirm that German troops are advancing as far as the town of Mistek.

Official circles in Berlin deny the Prague report.

It is officially stated in Berlin that President Hacha and M. Chvalovsky arrived in Berlin at 9.40 p.m. G.M.T. to-day.

RUTHENIAN INDEPENDENCE

Meanwhile the Ukrainian News Service confirms that Ruthenia has declared its independence, and adds that a new Cabinet has been chosen, with the whole of the country in the hands of Ukrainians.

An earlier report from Berlin stated that well-informed circles there generally believed that German troops were ready to march into Czecho-Slovakia during the night if necessary.

The figure of 14 divisions is mentioned, but no official or reliable confirmation of this was forthcoming.—Reuter.

ALTER MAP OF EUROPE

BERLIN, Mar. 14.

GERMANY IS EXPECTED to take action to-night which will alter the map of Europe, as M. Tiso's request for Hitler's help is taken here to mean that German troops will march into Slovakia, probably to-night, to restore order and to clarify M. Tiso's position.

The fate of the Czechs depends on the visit here of President Hacha and M. Chvalovsky, who it is stated, will be received by Herr Hitler, in the presence of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop and Field-Marshal Hermann Goering.

It is understood that President Hacha is coming to Berlin on his own responsibility.

The whole country is seething with rumours of troop movements. It is said that altogether, 40 divisions are in position for potential mobility, while 14 divisions have been detailed for possible immediate action.

Two motorised divisions are reported to have left Breslau for the southern Silesian frontier, and large sections of the Berlin-Vienna motor road is closed to civil traffic.

Nazi motor corps—a motorised semi-military organisation—left Munich for the frontier.

The requisitioning of private cars has started in Munich.—Reuter.

WITHDRAW TROOPS DEMAND

BERLIN, Mar. 14.

ACCORDING to a Chust telegram broadcast over the German radio, the Ruthenian Government has asked the Central Government at Prague for the withdrawal of all Czech troops from Ruthenian territory.

It was added that no reply has yet been received.

German radio reports also state that the advance of Hungarian troops into Ruthenia is proceeding, and it gives a Budapest report that Hungarian troops have occupied the town of Svalava, north of Munkacs.

A Warsaw message says that it is officially announced that Polish military detachments on the Polish-Ruthenian frontier are being strengthened.

Meanwhile, according to a Prague report, it is reliably learned that the Government has ordered the return of Czech troops from Ruthenia in compliance with the Hungarian ultimatum.

Another Prague message says that an appeal for calm in the present historic events in Bratislava, was broadcast from the Prague wireless station to-day.

BRATISLAVA QUIET

From Bratislava comes the news that, except for a number of steel helmets and bayonets, the streets of Bratislava are fairly normal. No flags are flying. Work (Continued on Page 4.)

BRIDGES BLOWN UP

Retarding Advance Of Hungarians

BUDAPEST, Mar. 14.

CZECH TROOPS blew up the railway line to-day between Salank and Feketepatak, south-east of Munkacs in order to check the advance of Hungarian troops.

Hungarian border troops were attacked by Czechs with machine guns and hand grenades. The Hungarians returned the fire.

Czech forces, attempting to cross the demarcation line near Barkovo were repulsed by Hungarians, who suffered two wounded.

The Czechs have arrested two prominent leaders of the Hungarian Party in Slovakia, Count Michael Csaky, and his brother, Count August Csaky.

A Berlin report says that one German was killed and six wounded at Stangern in the Igau district of Moravia, when Czech police fired on German demonstrators who were protesting against the arrest of local German leaders.

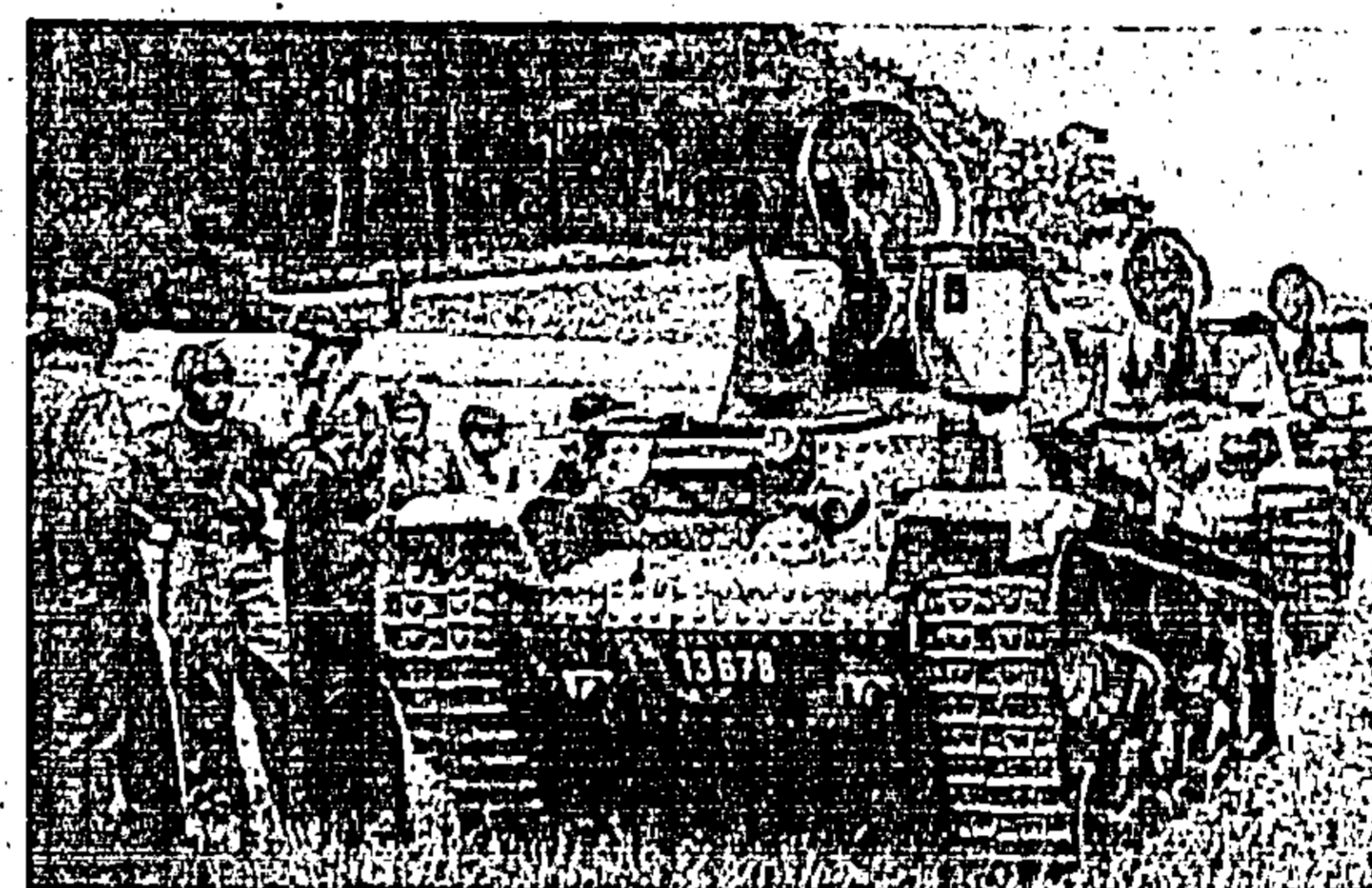
A Communist mob stormed the homes of numerous Germans in Pilsen, demolishing furniture, and maltreating the inmates. Four were seriously injured.—Trans-Ocean.

SKIRMISH NEAR DUBNA

Vienna, Mar. 14.
Strong detachments of Czechs with tanks and heavy artillery were seen this afternoon on the road across the Tatras mountains from Sillein to Vrutky, advancing eastward on Slovakia.

A skirmish occurred about 2 p.m. between Czech infantry and Slovak soldiers belonging to Czech regiments who wanted to prevent occupation of the important railway junction at Dubna Skala by the Czechs.

A Slovakian detachment of engineers is said to have blown up a bridge near Dubna Skala.—Trans-Ocean.



MEDIUM TANKS of the Czecho-Slovakian army in the Bohemian district at a moment when the Czech-German situation was particularly tense last September. Eye-witnesses recorded the highly mechanised nature of this republican force, which is stronger than many people believe, having a reserve of arms second to none among the smaller European powers.

NEW BRITISH NOTE TO THE JAPANESE

LONDON, Mar. 14.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is considering a new protest to Japan on the basis of information, presumably discovered by the secret service, alleging that pro-Japanese elements in Tientsin had created a special organisation for the perpetration of terrorist acts inside the foreign concessions.—Reuter.

RELIEF IN CHINA

Growth Of British Fund Shown

LONDON, Mar. 14.

PRESIDING AT the general committee meeting of the British Fund for the relief of Chinese distress, the Earl of Donoughmore announced that since the fund was opened on October 1, 1937, subscriptions totalling £177,338 had been received.

For the past six weeks, money had been coming in at an average of over £1,200 a week. Administrative expenses in England were only a trifle over two per cent.

Dr. H. G. Thompson, the secretary of the fund, pointed out that in addition to money, the fund had received many valuable gifts, including several tons of other and chloroform, £1,000 worth of stainless steel surgical instruments from Sheffield manufacturers, and over 2,000 bales of clothing, which had been shipped to China.

He also mentioned the great value of free transportation which had been given by shipping companies, the cost of which would otherwise have eaten deeply into the fund.—Reuter.

Mexican Oil Appropriations

Mexico City, Mar. 14.

Mr. Richberg, representing foreign oil interests in negotiations with the Government over the expropriations, had a conversation lasting an hour and a half with President Cardenas to-day, covering important topics.

The conversations were then adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Richberg said that if conclusions were reached in the next two days, he would make a statement that would end many unfounded rumours.

He expects to leave for Washington next week, and if necessary, will return to Mexico.—Reuter.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

IN A WRITTEN REPLY in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler said no reply had been received by the British as to the measures adopted by the Japanese authorities against the British concession in Tientsin.

The acting Consul-General had interviewed General Homma, the Japanese military commander on March 6, when the whole position was reviewed, and General Homma undertook to discuss the matter with the Japanese Consul-General to enable the Consul-General to reply.

Representations were made to the Japanese Government, it was understood, also by the French and American Ambassadors.

"APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS"

Questioned as to British action with the introduction of the new Japanese currency regulations in North China, Mr. Butler answered: "Appropriate representations are being made to the Japanese Government, but I am unable to make a detailed statement at the present."

"Reuter" learns that the British, French, and American notes to Tokyo regarding the currency and other trade restrictions, are couched in vigorous language.

It is understood that business came to a standstill on the first day of the new regulations. Many Japanese conceded the inconvenience and virtual impossibility of the situation.

No official reports of the resulting effects have been received, but it is believed that the military, who forced through the new arrangement, will have to abandon their position sooner or later.—Reuter.

Palestine Parleys

British Plans Will Be Disclosed

LONDON, Mar. 14.

"REUTER" UNDERSTANDS that a meeting of the Arab delegates to the Palestine conference has been called for 4 p.m. to-morrow, when the British Government will lay before them the conclusions reached as a result of the past five weeks' consultations on the Palestine problem.

A second meeting with the whole of the Jewish delegation will be held for the same purpose at 9 p.m. to-morrow.

Both meetings will be at St. James' Palace, and it is anticipated that the final conclusions will be submitted to the British Cabinet at its weekly meeting to-morrow morning.—Reuter.

DEFENCE 'DICTATORS' ARE ALREADY CHOSEN

And They Are Not Civil Servants

IT is understood that ten of Britain's twelve defence dictators have been chosen.

All will be men whose names are household words and they will not be Civil Servants. They will be men who have proved their organising ability in other fields.

WILL NOT BE PAID

Some may have made their names in the Services. Others will come direct from industry. None will at first be paid, but their expenses will be met.

The Defence dictators will have wide powers of control in their own areas.

They will control transport, public order, food supplies, and evacuation plans.

If, during war, communication with central headquarters is cut off, they will have complete control as the authorised Government representatives.

Girl Tames Red Fox

Boston.
Seven-year-old Gladys Turner has for a pet a red fox, captured only four months ago by two hunters in nearby woods. So tame is the fox now that Gladys takes it for a daily walk—on a leash—along Main street.

Ticket Fund

Philadelphia.
The will of Mrs. Emma Schubert, Brister, harpist and only woman member of the Philadelphia Amateur Orchestra which preceded the Philadelphia Orchestra, bequeathed \$2,000 to the orchestra, the income to be used to purchase concert tickets for music students.

M.P.s Call For Ban On Dog Fights

M.P.s are to make a determined effort to put a stop to the scandal of secret dog fights which are being held regularly on lonely moorlands all over Britain.

Sir Robert Vaughan Gower, M.P. for Gillingham and head of the R.S.P.C.A. and the National Canine Defence League, was recently planning the campaign from his sick-bed in Tunbridge Wells. He will raise the matter in the Commons.

Among the M.P.s who will support him are Sir Cooper Rawson, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. H. G. Williams and Mr. A. A. Somerville.

Mr. R. H. Johns, assistant secretary of the National Canine Defence League, told how valuable dogs are torn to bits in organised fights and of the elaborate precautions taken to keep the "meets" secret.

"Big money—sometimes £10—is gambled on the result of the fights," he said.

"They are usually held on the moorlands, and a 14ft. square pit is used."

"The home of dog-fighting is in Staffordshire, but others are held regularly on the Sussex Downs, in Dorset, and round Plymouth."

"The dogs used are specially trained terriers, born fighters."

"Some of them are given ferocious names such as 'Jack the Ripper' and 'The Killer.'"

Sometimes, added Mr. Johns, a dog



When Joan Blondell of the film 'The Sign of the Cross' was at home and becomes Mrs. Dick Powell, delight of her life is her young son, Norman Scott Powell, 4, who gazes at her, above, with a "You're telling me?" air. He is the son of her former husband, George Barnes, but was adopted by Powell after their marriage.

was so badly injured that it was thrown into a river to hide traces of the "meet."

Knocking "Chunks" Off The Atom

SCIENTISTS at Cambridge and Liverpool who are busy these days smashing atoms, looked up recently from their work of destruction to note that Columbia University physicists have just split an uranium atom "to cause the largest terrestrial conversion of mass into energy on record."

What does it all mean—and where is it leading?

Even the scientists don't know. The Columbia experiment simply marks one more stage in atomic research and the continuation of certain other experiments carried out in Berlin.

U.S.A. EXPERIMENTS

The only practical application of this research that we can see at present is to certain fields of clinical medicine." Dr. J. D. Cockcroft, one of the two men who in 1932 shared the honour of splitting the atom, said.

With atom smashing apparatus radium action iodine, iron and sodium have been produced, and in America these substances are being used for the experimental treatments of cancer, anaemia and other diseases.

Experts here are experimenting with these substances, but doctors have not yet applied them to clinical treatment on this side of the Atlantic.

"BIGGER CHUNKS"

Scientists in the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge, where the atom was smashed by Dr. Cockcroft, were working on the uranium atom when news came that it had been split at Columbia University.

"So far, it has been possible only to split little bits off the uranium atom by bombarding it with neutrons," explained Dr. Cockcroft. "Now it seems that you can split it into much bigger chunks."

The New York Correspondent states that a huge piece of apparatus weighing 75 tons was used to split the uranium atom.

The Columbia professors found they had released two atomic "canon balls" each containing the tremendous energy of one hundred million electron volts. The remarkable point was the low energy needed to produce such fantastic results. Earlier experiments in Berlin were carried out by Professor Otto Hahn, of Berlin, and Dr. L. Meitner, a woman physicist who is working in Sweden now because she was expelled from Germany for racial reasons.

"Ideal Secretary" To Wed

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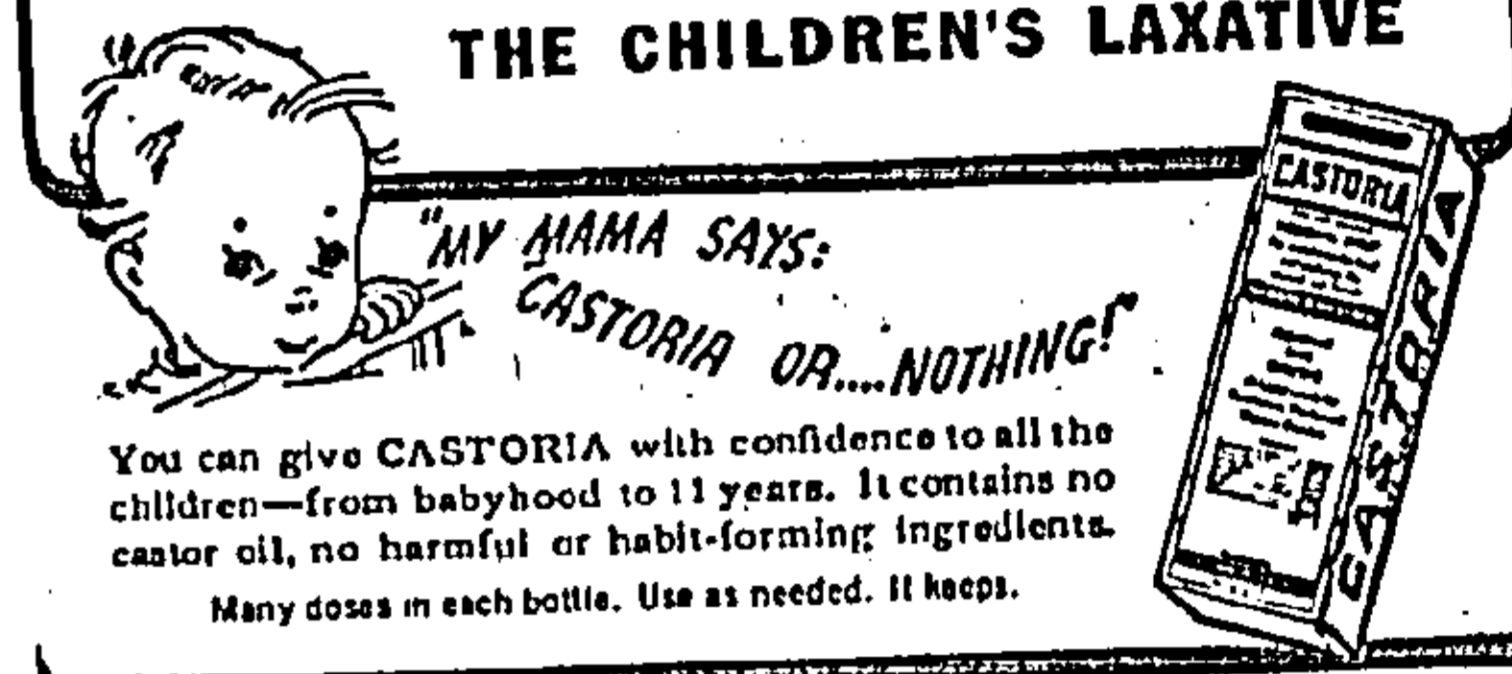


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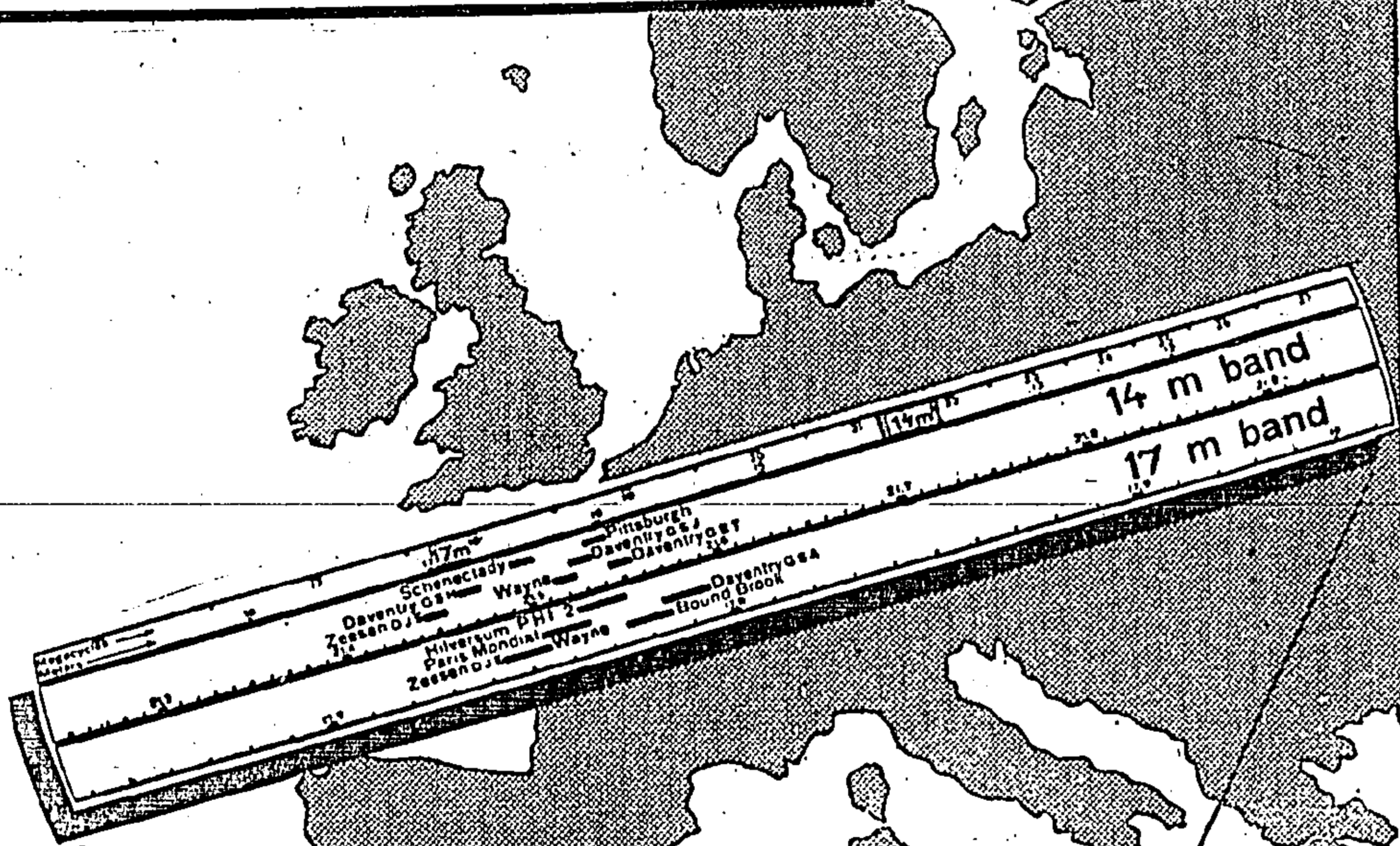
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ROYAL SQUIRE IS RETURNING

—AND 'JITTERBUGS' QUIT HIS VILLAGE

Biddenden, Kent.

THE village of Biddenden has had "Jitterbugs" of its own. But recently they disappeared—when it was seen that decorators and servants were busy again at the ex-King of Siam's 400-year-old Country Home.

Prince Prajadhipok (as they call him) is in Egypt, and Biddenden feared that the rioting in Bangkok meant that their royal squire might be returning to the throne he abdicated in 1935.

Although the forgotten King to the rest of the world, here in this beautiful corner of Kent he is known and loved for his generosity and kindness.

He would be the typical country squire, but for one thing—instead of hunters in his stables he keeps a fleet of five cars.

Although he has never been seen astride a horse, this little hunting community has often met him pedalling along the narrow lanes on his bicycle.

Local trade has improved greatly since he and his consort, ex-Queen Rambai arrived.

FAIR TRADE

Instead of sending away for food to the nearest big town, the owners of Vane Court buy from the little village shops.

To be fair, they buy from one grocery store one week, and the other the next.

Frequently they buy home-made chocolates from the village cafe, and have on occasions had a light meal in its little parlour.

Completely neglected where food is concerned, they enjoy a full English breakfast at Vane Court—eggs and bacon, marmalade and toast.

During the summer the tiny Siamese squire presented trophies at the local flower show and gymkhana. He is a generous man with subscriptions, too.

His staunchest admirer in Biddenden is a four-year-old girl, Olivia Evans, his caretaker's little girl.

Whenever Olivia sees the ex-King she exclaims, and sometimes she gives her Siamese lessons.

Already she can say in Siamese, "Dirty hands," "tea," her own name, "Ewin," and the days of the week.

"I want him to come back quickly," she said.

In his compact, stone-flagged house, where a staff of nine servants is kept (including four Siamese), the ex-King leads a quiet life, rarely entertaining.

He takes a great interest in his ducks and fowl, which he keeps in a big, well-planned ornamental pool.

DOG COMPANION

Both good tennis players, the royal couple are also skilled table tennis enthusiasts, and spend many hours at the table.

Most evenings, however, they read quietly or switch on the television.

The ex-King's only dog is Sam, a young Alsatian, and the two can often be seen roaming the quiet Kentish lanes.

When they see him striding along in his tweeds, the villagers are sure he will never take on again his title of Keeper of the Twenty-four Golden

Made A Fortune Out Of 'Flu

SIX FEET three inches tall, Mr. Charles Kahn, the man who made a fortune out of 'flu recently arrived in England from New York.

The big handkerchief firm of which he is president hit on the idea years ago of selling a handkerchief in a hermetically sealed package. Sneezing Americans bought them by the million. It made Mr. Kahn.

At the age of 36 he is now a wealthy young man.

At Grosvenor House he said: "These are the days of bold colours in handkerchiefs for men and women. This year handkerchiefs will be bigger than ever—in the United States, at any rate. Colours are going to be more vivid to match the expected increase in colour in men's clothes."

How many handkerchiefs do you carry?

Mr. Kahn (as a manufacturer he may be a little biased) thinks men should carry four—one for show and one for use in the jacket, and two more for the overcoat.

Women, he says, should have three handkerchiefs (one for show, one to use and one for lipstick), and a different colour for luncheon, for cocktail hour and for dinner.

FOLLOWS THE FASHIONS

Mr. Kahn has employees in Paris and London following the fashion displays. As soon as a big Paris dressmaker features a new shade Mr. Kahn orders a new kind of handkerchief.

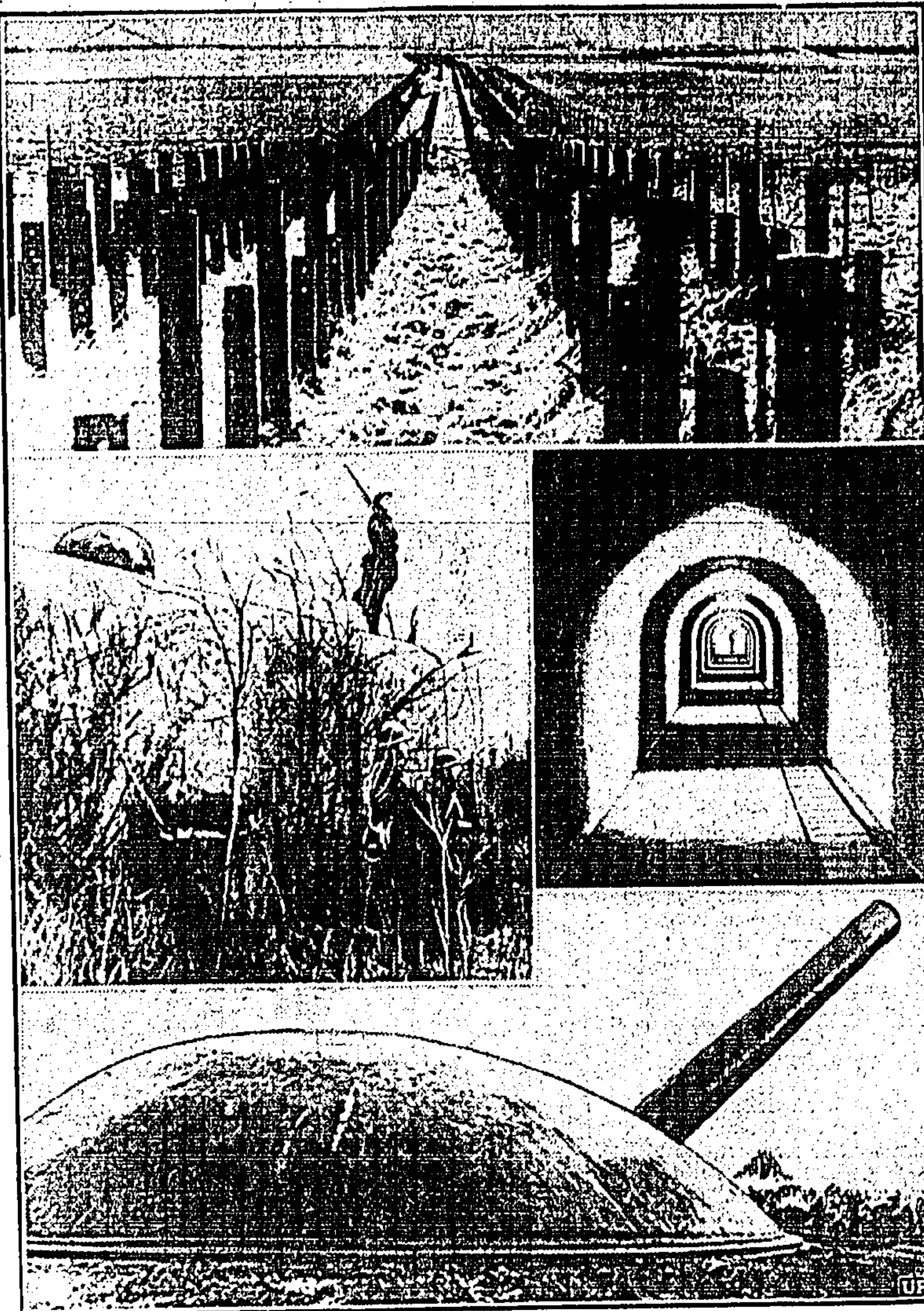
If Mr. Chamberlain has the headlines, then out come handkerchiefs with umbrellas all over them. The topical hunkie sells, according to Mr. Kahn.

He is even thinking of changing the shape of handkerchiefs. He doesn't see why women shouldn't have oblong or three-sided handkerchiefs.

Mr. Kahn is paying a visit to Belfast to order more linen. Linen handkerchiefs are still the most popular, he says.

Umbrellas, Brother of the Moon, Supreme Arbiters of the Ebb and Flow of the Tides, and descendant of the great god Buddha.

He is happy in England.



While the God of War grins and European nations rush to arms, Belgium prepares to defend herself against a violation similar to that of 20 years ago. A vast network of defences now stretches along her eastern frontier from the Alps to the sea. These pictures, taken by special permission of Belgian Army Headquarters, illustrate her preparedness. Top, barbed wire entanglements and tank traps along the frontier, which has been mined. Left centre, sentries at a blockhouse in the line. Right centre, interior of one of the tunnels that stretch for miles under the frontier. Bottom, heavy artillery gun emplacement.

Rajah Of Sarawak To Open Studio

LONDON.

The Rajah of Sarawak is reported to be planning to open a film studio in England.

His final decision, according to the Sunday Chronicle, depends on the success of his daughter, Mrs. Bob Gregory, in her part of a hoochy-hoochy dancer in the Hollywood production "You Can't Cheat An Honest Man."

If she makes good, the report continues, she will become reconciled with her father and will be the star of a million-dollar production.

Hollywood claims to have made her looks and ability into assets greater than her name. She was chosen from over 30 others after screen tests for the part of the hoochy-hoochy dancer.

X-Ray Of Flies May Conquer Cancer Secrets

X-RAY treatments on hundreds of fruit-flies, now being carried out at the Genetics Department of Edinburgh University, may be of great significance in the development of cancer research, and even on the future course of humanity.

In a special interview, Professor Muller, late of California University U.S.A., who is supervising the work, explained that the experiments were being made with a view to throwing light on the problem of mutations—changes in the tiny hereditary particles known as "genes," which really form the basis of life.

The fruit-fly "Drosophila" illustrates these mutations. It usually has red eyes and a grey body. Mutations give it white, pink or miniature eyes, no eyes at all, curved wings, short wings or rudimentary wings, an extra pair of legs and different degrees of fertility or length of life.

"Until recently," said Professor Muller, "these changes occurring in the hereditary constitution of a species were a complete mystery. They just happened very rarely. It was discovered, however, that they could be produced by X-rays, and it is on this line that our experiments are being conducted."

"While it was thought by radiologists that radiation below a certain intensity would not have any effect, we have proved from our experiments on this fly that extremely low radiation, allowed to accumulate over a long period, gives the same effect as a large quantity."

"This conclusion is of immense importance to radiologists treating cancer who are subject to slight doses of radiation, since it would be highly undesirable to have mutations produced in their germ cells that might give rise to abnormal human beings in the future."

"In this connection the question also arises: 'Are cancers themselves produced by mutations?' For X-rays produce cancer as well as check it, and X-rays produce mutations. 'If that were true,' said the Professor, 'then the study of conditions which favour mutations would be of great interest to cancer students.'"

Professor Muller is the author of the recent book, "Out of the Night," a biologist's view of the future, in which he claimed that by the control of the genes we might raise the level of humanity to that of the genius—the reason why these experiments may be of great significance to the future course of humanity.

The Animal Genetics Department of Edinburgh University, which is solely concerned with determining to what extent genetics or constitution alter the character of any given species, invited Professor Muller over from America specially to make a study of the genetics of the fruit-fly "Drosophila."

Chicken Thief "Sprinkled"

Wyandotte, Cal.

Alfred Renaud believes that somewhere in the state there is a chicken thief who is picking No. 744 out of his epidermis with the aid of a double mirror arrangement. In any event, he said that each time he shot, the man jumped—and also kept going.

Is it fair to give your child disagreeable laxatives?



Make sure of PLEASANT TASTE—GENTLE ACTION.

No matter how carefully you watch your youngsters' food and see that they have proper rest and exercise—they will suffer occasional upsets which call for a prompt and thorough intestinal cleansing. Just remember this advice: your own doctor would give you—

The right laxative for a youngster is a child's laxative—not something intended for grown-ups. When a child fights against taking such doses, he probably has good cause. The taste may be offensive, or the action harsh and disagreeable.

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THERE IS NOTHING EXACTLY WRONG WITH ME, DOCTOR BUT I ALWAYS FEEL SO TIRED EVEN WHEN I WAKE UP.

I KNOW, MR. JACKSON, IT HOLDS YOU BACK AT YOUR WORK WE CALL THIS TIRE DURING THE NIGHT. NOT REPLACING USED-UP ENERGY DURING SLEEP. HORLICKS REGULARLY AT BEDTIME FOR YOU.

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DEBATE ON ESTIMATES

Co-operation With French Army

LONDON, Mar. 14. OPENING THE report stage of the army estimates in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Lees Smith (Lab.) expressed the opinion that the conversations with France had not been sufficiently comprehensive.

There were other areas of possible conflict, especially in north-western Europe, where vital British interests were concerned, he said.

In Holland, anxiety was so great that Dr. Colijn, the Premier, had asked the people to be calm.

Threats against Denmark had been more menacing than those previously directed against Czechoslovakia.

There were other countries like Denmark of importance to us, whose existence was in danger, and it was the duty of our representatives to regard these countries as their responsibility, because they were not participating in the Anglo-French discussions.

FIRST INSTALMENT OF MUNICH

Mr. Winston Churchill congratulated the Prime Minister on his decision to equip the territorial force with the same weapons as the regular army. The decision to provide 10 field divisions was a momentous declaration. He had rarely heard anything so important stated from a Service department.

"It is the first instalment of Munich, and I am afraid other drafts will be presented regularly during the greater part of our lifetime," declared Mr. Churchill, adding: "It is a great pity that the statement was not made a year or two ago."

He asked for an assurance that factories were being planned to make the necessary supplies.

Mr. Churchill also emphasised the importance of draft-finding units, especially for dealing with an enemy which might land in the country. It was quite possible for several thousand men to be landed by aeroplanes, and there were important munitions centres which might attract them.

Protecting Britain's Countryside

Roads Saved From Ugly Buildings

LONDON, Mar. 14. MORE THAN 70,000 miles of road in Great Britain are now protected from ugly and unregulated building development by the Act passed in 1935 restricting so-called ribbon development.

The Act had the immediate effect of bringing under the control of the highway authorities all development along 43,000 miles of classified roads, and since then the Minister of Transport has approved resolutions submitted by the highway authorities, giving the same protection to a further 20,000 miles of road.

While the main consideration is the safety and convenience of traffic, adoption of restrictions has also given the highway authorities power to ensure that development shall be in keeping with the natural beauties of the countryside.

Surrey Hills, Cotswold country, Wye Valley and the Peak District are only a few of the regions in which roads, commanding beautiful views, have been brought within the shelter of the act.—British Wireless.

Ruthenian Govt. Reconstructed

Prague, Mar. 14. It is officially announced in Chust that the Ruthenian Government has been reconstructed.

Father Volosin remains Premier, and Mr. Julian Rovay, who was dismissed from office by Prague, becomes Foreign Minister.

An official communiqué states that M. Rovay is at present in Germany "defending the interests of his country."

The Czech General Prehaca, Minister of the Interior, has been relieved of his office.

The new Government is described as provisional, and it is generally thought here that Ruthenia will place itself under German protection.—Reuter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1939.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 14.

New York Cotton

Mar. Opening 8.80 7.70 Closing 8.74 7.74

May 8.40 7.40 8.34 7.34

July 8.10 7.10 8.12 7.12

Oct. 7.77 7.78 7.75 7.75

Dec. 7.74 7.74 7.69 7.69

Jan. 7.72 7.74 7.69 7.69

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The last Notice day for March Cotton is March 17th.

New York Rubber

Mar. 10.50/50 10.52/52

May 10.43/43 10.48/48

Sept. 10.44/44 10.40 10.48

Dec. 10.44/44 10.40 10.48

To-day Sales:—490 tons.

The last Notice day for March Rubber is March 29th.

Chicago Wheat

May 67 1/2 67 1/2 67 1/2 67 1/2

July 67 1/2 67 1/2 67 1/2 67 1/2

Sept. 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2

Monday's Sales:—2,920,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May 48 1/2 48 1/2 47 1/2 47 1/2

July 49 1/2 49 1/2 48 1/2 48 1/2

Sept. 50 1/2 50 1/2 50 1/2 50 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

May 60 1/2 60 1/2 60 1/2 60 1/2

July 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2

Oct. 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2

London, Mar. 14.

Royal Air Force numbers are steadily rising, 809 recruits joining during the past week as against 203 in the same week last year, bringing the total acceptance of pilots, observers, airmen and boys since April 1, last to 32,870 as against 18,120 for the corresponding period last year.—British Wireless.

Rush To Join R. A. F.

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1939-1940.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1939, from persons desirous of supplying: Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and other provisions and necessities, for the year ending 31st March, 1940.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the Royal Naval Hospital. The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

G. V. HOBBS, Surgeon Captain, Medical Officer in Charge, Royal Naval Hospital, Hong Kong, 16th March, 1939.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FRIDAY—17th MARCH, 1939.

A wreath will be laid at the Cenotaph by the President and Committee of St. Patrick's at 11.00 a.m.

Members of the Society and their friends are asked to assemble under the verandah at the North side of the Supreme Court prior to the ceremony.

ST. PATRICK'S BALL PENINSULA HOTEL—5.30 p.m.

Members of St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong and their guests are informed that there will be a Special FIVE MINUTES Service of "STAR" FERRIES from HONG KONG to KOWLOON between 9.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on 17th March and SPECIAL FERRIES from KOWLOON to HONG KONG at 2.00 a.m., 2.45 a.m. and 3.15 a.m. on the following morning. The last ordinary Ferry leaves at 1.15 a.m.

A BUFFET SUPPER will be served from 11.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Tables may be booked with the Management of the Peninsula Hotel before 7.00 p.m. on the night of the Ball.

Admission to the Ball is by ticket only which is to be presented at the MAIN ENTRANCE to the Hotel.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. P. J. A. Hamilton, Hon. Treasurer, P.O. Box 417 or Harbour View Hotel, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

B. H. C. HALLOWES, Hon. Secretary, St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong, P.O. Box 417.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager, Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

Boeing Trip Delayed

THE DATE of the first passenger flight of the 40-4on Boeing Clipper, which was scheduled to leave San Francisco for Hongkong to-day, has been postponed to March 29.

On the return flight from Hongkong to San Francisco, the new Clipper was delayed two days by mid-Pacific weather conditions, and did not arrive at San Francisco until Monday. This arrival date does not allow sufficient time for the U.S. aeronautical authorities to present their formal report to Washington authorising commencement of regular passenger service by to-day.

PHILIPPINE CLIPPER

Among the passengers arriving by the Philippine Clipper this week are Mr. Irving St. John, Cst. Nelson Spencer and Dr. Eric Liljencrantz. They are through passengers from the United States.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

STOCKS: Cement production during February was 40.0 per cent. and shipments were 10.2 per cent. over those of the corresponding month of last year.

The President has asked for \$150,000,000 additional Relief funds.

Air traffic during February was 15 per cent. over that of the same month of 1938.

Argentine Government-owned railways are negotiating a barter arrangement with Germany for railway materials in exchange for 100,000 tons of wheat.

The Georgia Legislature has defeated the increased chain store tax.

EARNINGS: Stock Period 1938 Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Yr. 31/12 \$1,200,000 International Nickel Yr. 31/12 \$2.00 North American Company Yr. 31/12 \$1.55

Tite Union Carbide & Carbon Corporation's 1938 earnings are estimated at \$2.75 per share. The first-quarter's earnings this year are estimated at \$0.00 per share.

RUBBER: Consumption of rubber during February was 77 per cent. over the corresponding month of 1938.

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HITLER DIVIDES CENTRAL EUROPE

MARCH AT MIDNIGHT

Berlin, Mar. 14. NAZI SOURCES predicted that German troops will enter Slovakia at midnight to support M. Tiso, and to protect their own nationals from alleged Czech terrorism.

Czechoslovakia has collapsed under military threat, and the Nazi "March eastward" has split it into three independent States on the first anniversary of the seizure of Austria.

Firstly, Slovakia has proclaimed independence; secondly, Ruthenia in a broadcast proclaimed independence a few hours later; thirdly, Bohemia and Moravia remain under Czech rule, but only through Nazi interference.

Britain and France maintained a "hands-off" policy and Italy applauds as Herr Hitler forces the "co-operation" of Prague.

40 CASUALTIES

Bratislava, Mar. 14. It is unofficially reported from Chust that Czech troops killed approximately 40 Ukrainians and wounded many more while attempting to suppress independence demonstrations to-day.—United Press.

SLOVAK DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Slovak Premier, Dr. Tiso, issued the following proclamation to the Slovak people to-day in conjunction with the declaration of independence:

"Slovakia! At this extremely grave moment, we, the authorised representatives of the Slovak people, address ourselves to you, and to all the peoples of the world who are free, and thus appreciate this value of national liberty.

"Events have transpired during the past few days on the soil of our homeland under pressure of armed Czech power which violate the most natural laws of humanity and national rights. The object in all of this was to deprive our people of that which they had gained at great sacrifice. The intention was to place us again under a yoke that would not be lighter than the one we formerly bore.

"We did everything in our power to achieve a solution which would be acceptable to us and to the Czech people. We were willing to deprive ourselves of many things to which we had a legitimate right, in order to come to an understanding with the Czechs. All of our endeavours were in vain.

"The political representatives of the Czech people believed that through various measures they could force us to capitulate. The President of the Republic dismissed in an unconstitutional manner the Slovak national Government on the night of March 8. This act is intolerable, both from the political and legal viewpoint, because the Slovak Diet voted its confidence in the National Government on February 23. Nor do paragraphs in the Constitution dealing with the autonomy of Slovakia give the President the right to dismiss the Slovak National Government on the basis of a one-sided decision, and to appoint a new body.

AUTONOMY ABOLISHED

"The autonomy of Slovakia which was promised to us a long time ago, and finally granted by Law last autumn, has been abolished. Through this act, however, relations between the Slovak and Czech peoples, lost their constitutional basis. The Prague Government turned to armed

is largely at a standstill, and the public is rather perplexed by the rapid current events.

A Budapest report says that a series of incidents have occurred on the frontier and within Ruthenia. In some cases, it is alleged, Czechoslovak troops have been involved, and Hungarians are alleged to have been ill-treated.

In the meantime, a Berlin cable says that Field-Marshal Hermann Goering arrived in Berlin from Italy where he had been spending a holiday. He arrived by special train, and drove straight to the Chancellery, and was immediately conducted to Herr Hitler's study, where the Fuehrer awaited him.

INDEPENDENCE PROCLAIMED

Bratislava, Mar. 14. The German Press proclaimed to-day officially confirmed the proclamation of Slovakian independence, and simultaneously announced that the Hlinka Guards had taken the oath of independence.

He said that the word "Republic" was not used in any proclamation of independence previously in the Diet. M. Tiso formally made the declaration of independence, which the Diet unanimously approved.

It is reported that immediately afterwards, Jews began to flee to Moravia in large numbers.—United Press.

"DIVIDE AND CONQUER"

London, Mar. 14. Britain and France kept their hands off to-day when Herr Hitler, on the first anniversary of the seizure of Austria, began to "divide and conquer" Central Europe.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the proposed British guarantee of Czechoslovakia was against unprovoked aggression "which had not taken place."

The democrats took the position that the four-Power guarantee of the Czechoslovak frontier had never actually been effected, and the question of Slovakian independence was an internal affair, despite the obvious Nazi inspiration.—United Press.

force and thus created a situation which was long incompatible with the relations between peoples of equal rights, but on the other hand signifies a Czech dictatorship over us, and an attempt to compel us to submit. "History will prove that our conscience is clear and that God is our witness that we wished only for peace."

"The responsible leaders of the Czech people replied to our goodwill with force. Against the Czech people we have no grievance, but this nation is governed by men who have learnt nothing from the past. The enemy of our national destiny is great, but God is in his justice, is greater, and he will not forsake us in this very grave hour of our national existence."

POLITICAL DEATH

"The day has arrived when we must take the destiny of our people into our own hands if we wish to rescue the nation from political death. If we desire to secure the future for our people, we must terminate mutual political life with the Czech nation, and we have therefore resolved to claim complete independence for our Slovak people. "We are convinced that this step is in the interests of peaceful relations between the Czech and Slovak people, of the God-given right of self-determination for all nations, of order in Slovakia and Central Europe, and especially of the future of our own beloved Slovak people."

"As the duly authorised representatives of the Slovak people, we herewith exercise our sovereign right, and declare the independence of Slovakia."

At the conclusion of his declaration, Dr. Tiso asked the people to maintain discipline and order, ending the proclamation with the words: "So God help us!"—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE SAPPER TO APPEAL

Blood-Stained Coat In Court

A blood-stained jacket was produced and examined in court to-day by Mr. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy when Ho Yan, Chinese Sapper of the Royal Engineers, was charged with assaulting and wounding a man in Lockhart Road on March 6.

Tam Sing, said he was walking down Lockhart Road at 9 p.m. when the defendant came up and attacked him with a knife, stabbing him in the left arm and chest.

The white jacket he was wearing at the time was then produced, and the magistrate examined the slits, alleged to have been caused by the knife.

Tam Sing said defendant was accompanied by two other Chinese in military uniform who hit him in the face with their fists. He felt dizzy and fell against a wall. Later an Indian constable arrived and arrested Ho Yan.

INTENDS TO APPEAL

Ho Yan said he left barracks that night and saw a crowd fighting in Lockhart street and went to pacify them, but they turned on him. He denied attacking the complainant and said he gave him in charge to the Indian constable.

He said he had not tried to run away, and denied that there were two other Chinese in uniform with him. He pointed out that no knife had been found on him.

Evidence of arrest was given by the Indian constable, who said he took complainant to the police station by holding his arm as he was dizzy. The Chinese sapper walked beside.

Mr. Forrest convicted defendant and sentenced him to six months' hard labour.

"I intend to appeal," said the Chinese Sapper.

BRITAIN'S HUGE DEFICIT

More Than £23,000,000 Short Of Income

LONDON, Mar. 14. WITH ONLY three weeks of the financial year to run the deficit on March 11 amounted to £23,005,012, having been reduced during the week by £20,062,491.

Ordinary revenue during the week totalled £23,374,823, making the total to date £859,731,074 or £43,511,059 more than at the corresponding date last year.

Total expenditure, less self-balancing items, was over £883,000,000 compared with £868,064,277 at the corresponding date of 1938, and with the estimate for the present financial year of £848,300,300.

The yield from income tax last week was £13,137,000 as against £10,307,000 in the corresponding week a year ago.—British Wireless.

Hungarian Troops On The March

Budapest, Mar. 14. Hungarian troops, advancing from Munkacs into Ruthenia, have reached the outskirts of Svalava, according to the official Hungarian News Bulletin published to-night.

Svalava is situated on the railway line about 20 miles north-east of Munkacs and is the most important railway junction in Ukraina.—Trans-Ocean.

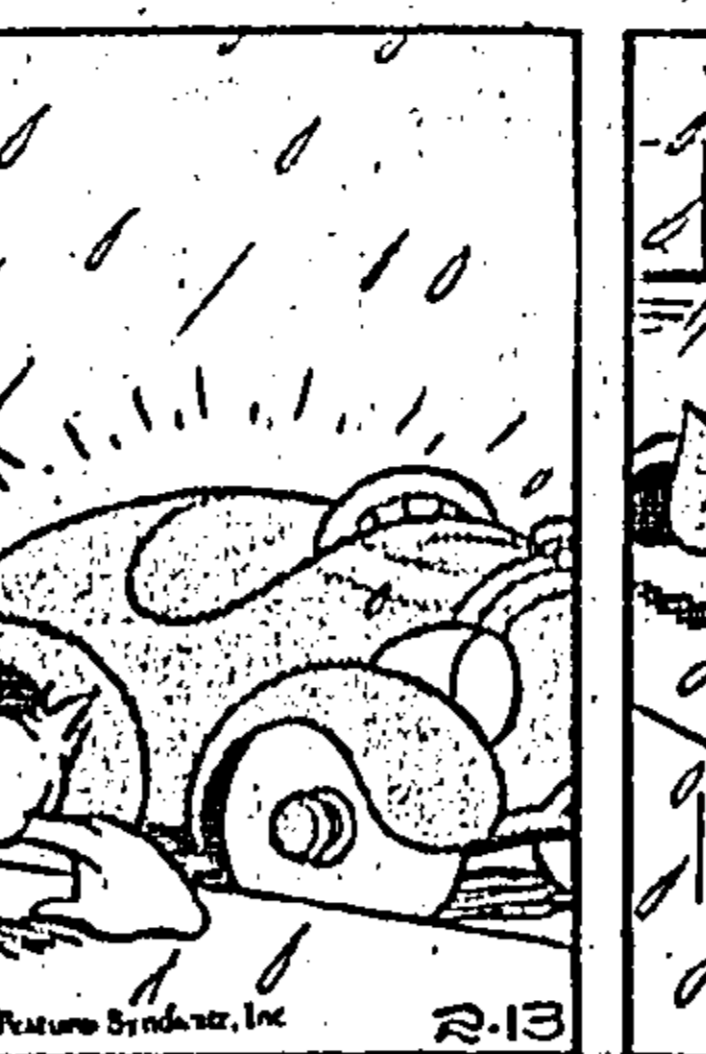
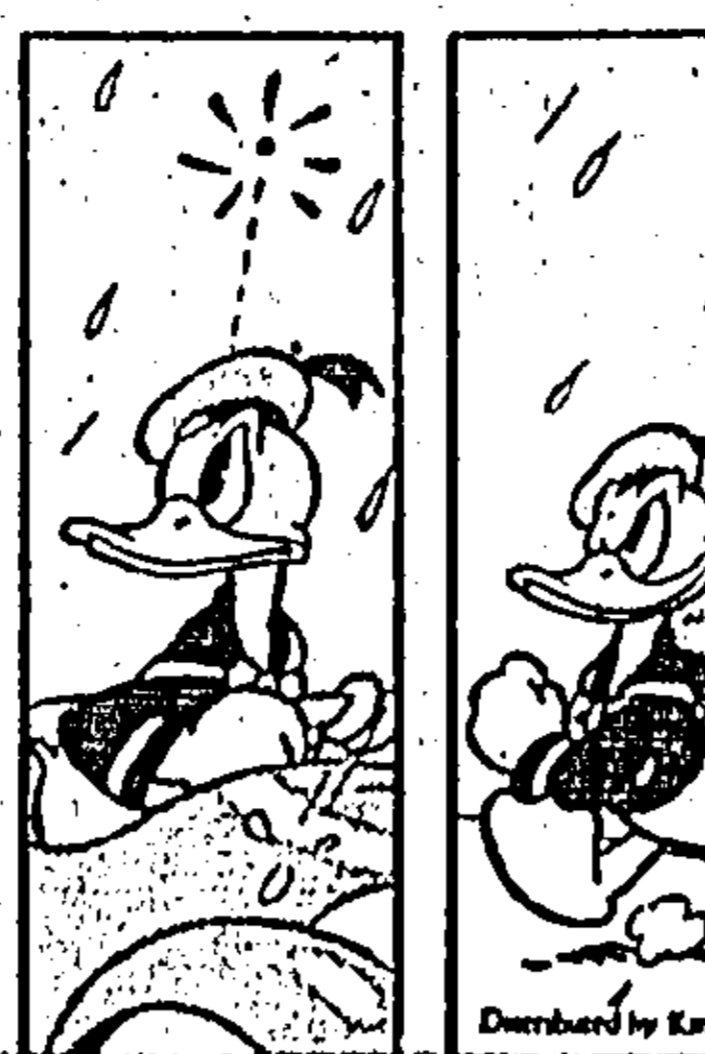
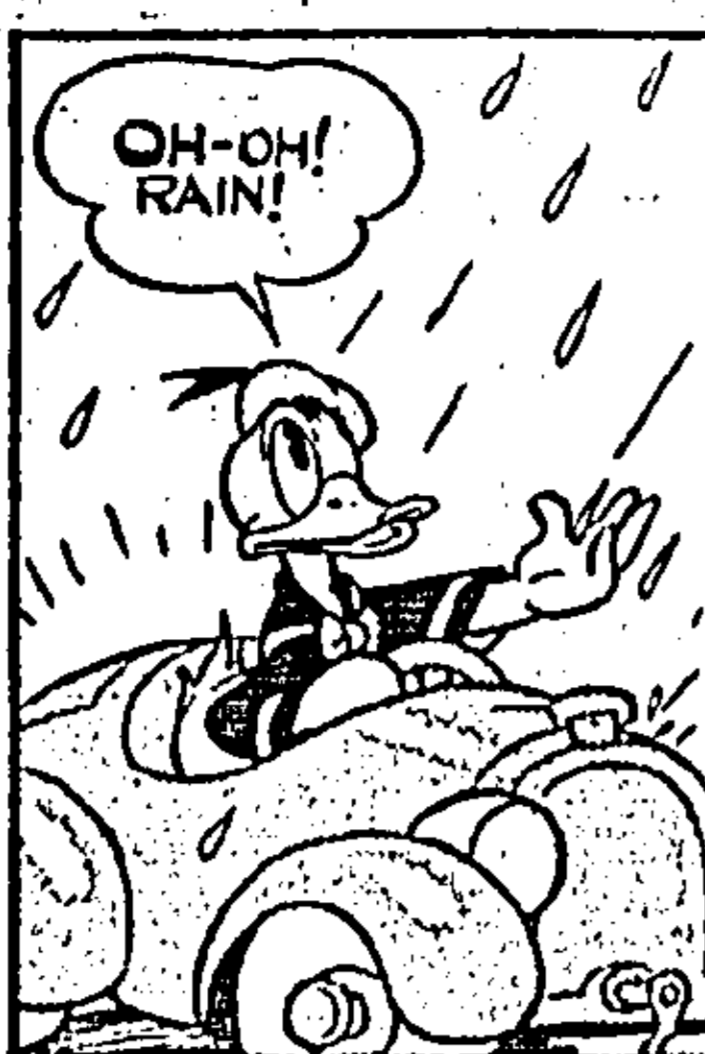
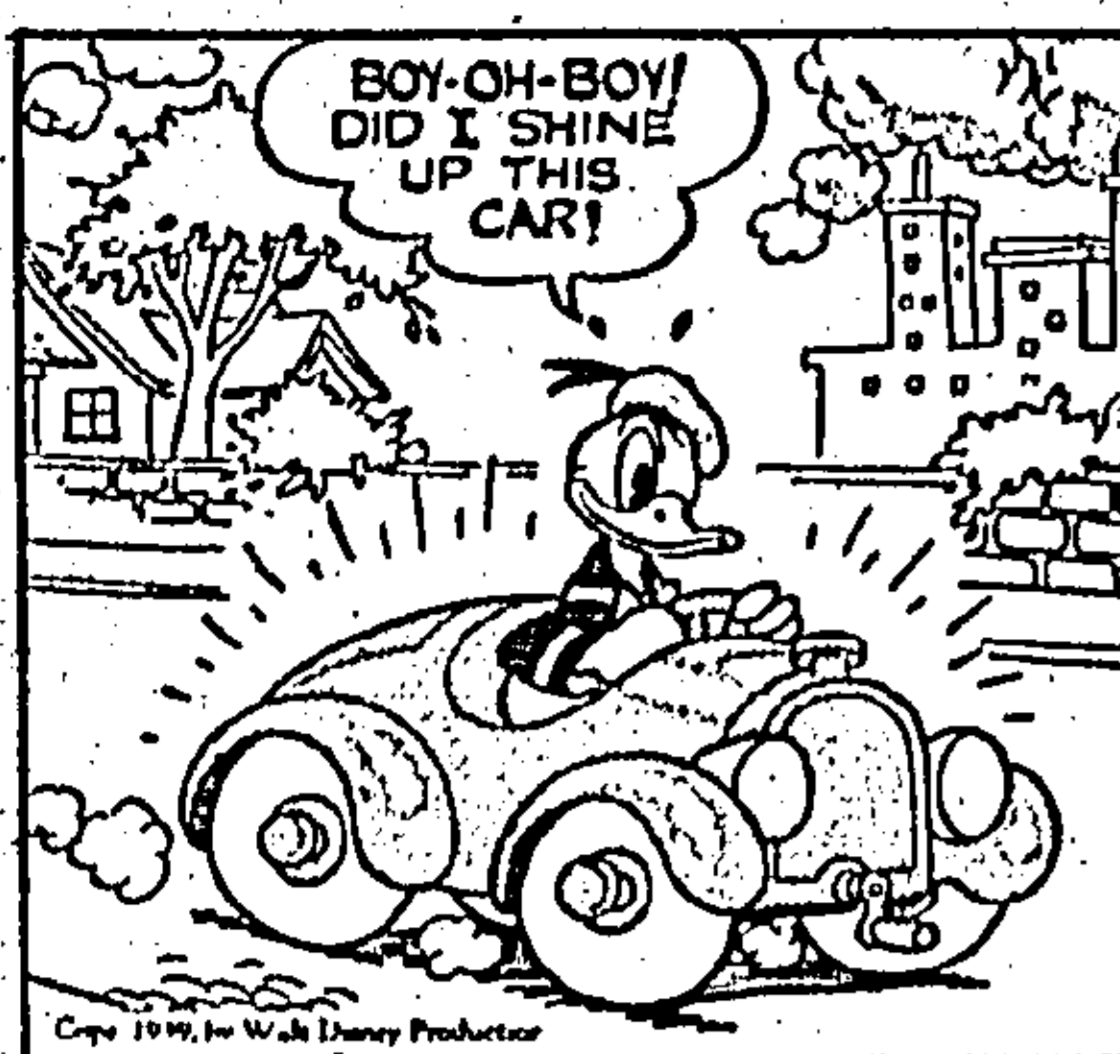
London, Mar. 14.—A traction agreement was signed at the Chinese Embassy this afternoon.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

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Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.)—London date, 10th February and London Parcels—(London date, 9th February)	Corfu	March 15.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	March 15.
Tientsin	Fronton	March 15.
Japan and Shanghai	Aramis	March 16.
Shanghai	City of Bedford	March 16.</

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CENTRAL EUROPE'S NEW CRISIS: INDEPENDENCE OF SLOVAKIA DECLARED

(Continued from Page 7.)

proclaimed is now being held. It is expected that immediately after the announcement of the Diet's decision the Central Government will resign. A police bulletin issued at Bratislava states that three were seriously injured in the night disturbances. A time bomb exploded this morning in the principal station at Prague and nine were injured.

There have been more incidents at Iglau, where two Germans were killed in encounters with the police. German Storm Troopers have occupied a village near Iglau.—Reuter.

Defending Frontier

Prague, Mar. 14. Hlinka Guards have been sent urgently from Bratislava to the Slovak-Moravian frontier.—Reuter.

Prague Cabinet

Prague, Mar. 14. It is officially stated that the Cabinet has resigned. Political circles doubt if any new Cabinet will be formed.

All communication between Bratislava and Prague has been severed.—United Press.

Probable Re-shuffle

Prague, Mar. 14. The Cabinet Council has been convened for Tuesday to decide the question of a re-shuffling of the Beran Ministry.

Informed quarters affirm that the entire Cabinet will resign, whereupon President Hacha will request Premier Beran to form a new Government. It is reliably stated that the Minister of Defence, General Sirovy, the Minister of Agriculture, M. Fejervand, and the Minister of Communications, General Elias, will not be included in the future ministry, and will be replaced by political personalities.

In political circles scepticism is expressed as to whether the reconstruction of the Cabinet will bring about an improvement in the situation. According to rumours current here, the leader of the Czech Fascists, General Gajda, will be offered a seat in the Cabinet.—Trans-Ocean.

Prague Preparations

Berlin, Mar. 14. The semi-official German News Agency Deutsches Nachrichten Bureau

War in 10 Days, Says U.S.

Washington, Mar. 14.

The virtual dissolution of Czechoslovakia has caused a painful impression here, declared the newspaper "Star", which adds: "This new crisis is regarded as the forerunner of more serious ones before the end of the month. Reports from American diplomats in Central Europe indicate that the German and Italian Governments are preparing for a real show-down. Many warn the Administration that trouble is likely to start within ten days." Official circles in Washington view to-day's developments as unmistakable evidence of the intention of the totalitarian States to secure the obedience of the remaining small democracies in the coming struggle with France and Britain.—Reuter.

Ichang Devastated

Over 100 casualties in new Japanese raid on Ichang. Central part of wrecked city again devastated and planes attacked river craft. Raids also carried out on Lukoh, Shan and Paochi.

reports to-day at 2 p.m. Berlin time from Engerau: Details have become known here of mobilisation measures of Czech troops in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia.

On the Stromleite heights near Pressburg running from the town to Theben, Czech soldiers have been busy since Monday night cutting down trees in feverish haste and preparing positions for machine guns as well as heavy artillery.

Strong detachments of infantry are moving along the road in the north-eastern district, followed by light artillery and armoured cars.

On the Brunn-Austerlitz-Botschowitz road motorised troops and transports have been visible for many hours. The troops are without regimental numbers on their shoulder straps and without regimental badges.

Czech troops have been concentrated in the Waagtal district where there are many important Slovak armament factories. The Slovak workers are determined to defend these works which are indispensable for Slovakia's freedom, to the last man.

The Czech police have removed by force all surgical instruments from hospitals and clinics in Brunn.—Trans-Ocean.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1889. It is really very sad to know that there are over a million girls in England who are not getting married. To legalise bigamy would doubtless solve the difficulty.

25 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1914. Lieut. Briggs of the Army Flying Corps has broken the British altitude record by attaining a height of 10,000 feet at Eastchurch. At that height the atmosphere was 38 degrees below zero, and the intrepid aviator was severely frost-bitten.

General von Plettenberg, commanding the German Guards Corps, has issued a decree against the wearing of the so-called "English" or "tooth-brush" moustache. Non-commissioned officers and men are to be informed that these appendages are unsuitable for Prussian soldiers and are not consistent with the German national character.

10 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1929. At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Mr. R. G. Shewan, who presided, reported that the demand for cement for the past three months had been heavy and that orders had to be turned away daily.

Shareholders subsequently approved of the expenditure of \$3,000,000 for the purchase and installation of a modern cement plant at the Company's works at Luk On. It was stated that the Company would in future devote its energies entirely to Luk On. No more capital would be spent at Macao, and one ship was to be sold or demobilised.

Captain G. A. Evans, of the Chang-king, is on reserve. Captain S. M. Baring, from reserve, has gone master, Chungking.

Mr. R. Curnow, extra second officer, Shengkang, has gone second officer, Keankin. Mr. J. C. Baring, second officer, Nankin, has gone extra second officer, Shengkang.

Mr. N. Pounder, chief officer, Tungchow, is on reserve. Mr. W. Paul, chief officer, Wankien, has gone chief officer, Tungchow.

Mr. G. P. Pope, chief officer, Shanli, is on reserve.

Captain J. Morris, China Navigation Co., is on home leave.

Mr. E. Connelley, second officer, Ankang, has gone second officer, Kwangtung. Mr. J. W. Evans, from reserve, has gone second officer, Ankang.

Mr. J. C. Baring, second officer, Kwangtung, has gone second officer, Chentung.

Mr. H. S. McComb has been appointed third engineer officer, Puyang.

Mr. W. Anderson, second engineer officer, Puyang, is on home leave.

Mr. W. Wishart, chief engineer officer, Ichang, is on reserve. Mr. J. A. Anderson, second engineer officer, Tungchow, has gone chief engineer officer, Ichang.

5 YEARS AGO

March 15, 1934. The still smouldering but not wreck of the U.S.S. Fulton was this morning being towed slowly towards Junk Bay after a night providing one of the most thrilling naval adventures during peace-time on the China Coast.

Extreme coolness and discipline in the face of a perilous situation—by the officers and men—has been the cause of the U.S.S. Fulton was instrumental in preventing the loss of a single life.

His, Wishart, finding the Fulton listing, began to take over a hundred men still on board, resorted to the daring expedient of running in alongside, snatching in her bows in so doing, but enabling the imperilled men to jump from ship to ship.

Twice in heavy seas, the manoeuvre was repeated, once at the bows of the Fulton and once at the stern, the burning gunboat having been divided into two by a roaring wall of flame.

The fire broke out in the engine-room, and men were seen fleeing in all round the engines, the flames darting across to the oil tank, which exploded scattering blazing oil in all directions.

The Norwegian S.S. Norviken, under charter to the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, put into Swatow this morning more than twenty-four hours overdue. The explanation that she was a pirate ship.

Twenty-two men took part in the capture of the ship, which was towed from Shanghai to Hongkong via Swatow, in the vicinity of Turn-out, in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

An important statement on Britain's attitude to the new crisis was made by Mr. Anthony Eden in the House of Commons to-night, and it was followed by a full-dress debate on foreign policy.

BRITAIN PREPARES HER DEFENCES FOR THE NEXT CRISIS

(Continued from Page 6.)

are now to have the telephone installed for such an emergency. As long ago as November, 1936, food plans were initiated. In that month the Food (Defence Plans) department was set up by the Ministry of Agriculture to control the supply and distribution of food in war-time.

Ration cards for the staple foods, such as bread, meat, butter, sugar and tea, similar to those used in the world war, were printed months ago in millions. It is claimed under the new organisation long food queues will not be necessary.

The department has divided Britain into 18 divisions, with a food committee in each town or district. These committees, mainly composed of local tradesmen, would have absolute power in an emergency. One thousand five hundred local officers have already been appointed.

It is estimated that the organisation could swing into action within 24 hours, and have the rationing scheme operating in three or four weeks, compared with six months in the world war.

In addition, the government is quietly hoarding essential commodities, such as wheat, sugar and whale oil. The granaries and warehouses are already bursting with sufficient supplies for at least six months, it is estimated.

SECRET PURCHASES

The government made their purchases secret, through agents, in the open market. It was kept quiet, so as not to raise prices, and also to prevent profiteering. Eventually, the government itself had to let the cat out of the bag, when, in order to obtain the money to pay for its purchases, it got parliament to pass the 1938 Commodities Reserves Act in 1938.

It is claimed that if war broke out, there would be sufficient supplies for everybody until a system of supplies from the Empire and elsewhere could get into operation.

For this purpose the merchant marine is being equipped with gun platforms and anti-aircraft paravane guns. The naval estimates for 1939 will contain an item of £50,000 for this work.

The gun platforms are being built in the sterns of the ships only. All other European countries have them both fore and aft, thus affording them the opportunity to attack as well as defend.

On February 9, the Registrar-General, Sir Sylvanus P. Vivian, issued instructions to all local authorities to quicken their preparations for a census "with a view to instituting a national register, if and when necessary, on very short notice."

A census normally takes one year to prepare, but it is expected that it will be possible to hold it this year, if necessary. The machinery should be ready within six months.

It will cost £250,000, and will need 14,000,000 forms and 50,000 enumerators and police officers. Ordinarily, the information derived from a census takes years to tabulate, but a national register could be drawn up from it in three months. A special act of parliament will be necessary to advance the date from the scheduled census year, 1941.

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"In consequence of the omissions of the Prague Government, which are to-day ascertainable, conditions of the Munich agreement have not been fulfilled. The territorial revisions provided for in the agreement have also been violated. With the Slovak declaration of independence, the fulfilment of the so-called Carpatho-Ukraine demands immediate solution."

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"Hungary also gazes longingly to the Carpatho-Ukrainian district, since the key to security of the country lies to some extent there. We are not, in this connection, merely concerned in a military form or a geographical viewpoint, but primarily that protection which the Ruthenian forests afford to the Hungarian waterway system, and the low-lying plain district."

"Hungary cannot sit by while folded arms while a party representing a political minority exploits these forests which represent the only source of wealth of the country. These forests have offered resistance to the elements and human depredations for centuries, and have protected the Hungarian plains."

"The Carpathian forest district guarantees the existence of 10,000,000 Hungarians and Hungary will take care that this guarantee falls into her own hands, and thus acquires a new protection."—Trans-Ocean.

Waterfront employers have arranged a meeting to decide future action after referring the question to the West Coast employers' group in San Francisco.—United Press.

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The Mills Brothers (Four boys and a guitar); Medley; Intro; You're here, you're there; Let us be sweethearts over again; Horsey, Horsey.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.

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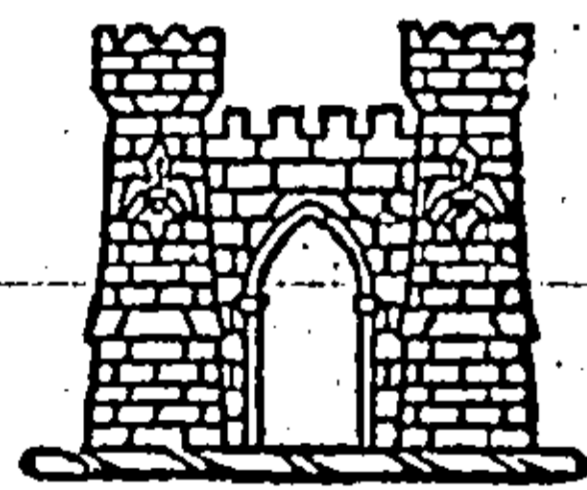
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Italy's Claims

ITALY tells France and Great

Britain that her dispute with
France will be settled by diplomatic
means and not by the sword.

What does that mean? If the
verbal promise, which will be con-
firmed later this week in official
Notes, is what "United Press" will
have us believe, it means that one
of Europe's greatest dangers has
been removed.

Mussolini is a dictator who
keeps his word. If he says the
sword will remain sheathed, there
will be no war between France and
Italy in settling a territorial
grudge that has lasted since the
Italian kingdom came into existence
in 1860 under the the House of
Savoy.

What is the basis of Italy's
claims?

She claims that in 1858 she
made a deal with Napoleon III, of
France, whereby, in exchange for
French help in driving the
Austrians out of the northern
Italian provinces of Lombardy and
Venice, she should concede to
France the Commune of Nice and
the Duchy of Savoy.

This Italy did, but Napoleon
signed the treaty of Villafranca
with the Austrians when only
Lombardy had been captured.
Venice—that prize to be matched
only with the Nice that the Italians
had ceded—was left in Austrian
hands.

That is the basis of the Italian
claim to these two parts of France.
Of Tunisia, she says this was
her first effort in African colonisa-
tion when she began to feel her
feet as a Mediterranean Power.

All went well until 1881, when
France, who was colonising the
neighbouring territory of Algeria,
sent a punitive expedition to quell
native rebels. The rebels retreated
to the hinterland of Tunisia, where-
upon the French marched into
Tunisia, occupied the whole terri-
tory, and declared it to be a French
protectorate.

That constitutes Italy's claim to
Tunisia. To-day, she says, the
rigorous French laws still dis-
criminate against the predominant-
ly Italian population of Tunis.
French naturalisation laws in
Tunisia are, perhaps, even more
annoying to the Italians. These
laws turn every Italian there into
a Frenchman.

Corsica is make-weight in these
claims.

There is one big flaw in Italy's
claim. The acts she complains
about took part at a time when
every Power that had the
money and guns to back its claims
was grabbing pieces of the good
earth. If Italy can claim land to
which she feels she had some right
eighty years ago, why not add a
few claims for the seventeenth
century. Why not go back to the
early days of European history.

In which case, of course, Italy
has solid foundation for claiming
practically the whole of Europe, in-
cluding the British Isles.

TWO of the most haunting
lines in English poetry
occur in a poem of which I
know no other words, and
which I have never been
able to trace:—

They have cleared up the
straw in the passage
And Life can begin again.

In other words, the removal was
over. The old and the new furni-
ture had settled down together in
perfect amity. This re-arranged
pictures had made friends with
one another.

My old emerald carpet kissed with
velvet passion the hem of my new
jade-green curtains. Or am I writ-
ing like Beverley Nichols?

And the champagne curtains of my
new dining-room went all right with
my stock of beer. In short, I was
"in."

A few days later it struck me that

something was missing, and for a
long time I could not decide what
it was. Then it flashed across me.
I wanted an inkstand.

INKPOTS, of course, I pos-
sessed galore, but I sud-
denly realised that what my soul
longed for was the kind of thing
which you see on the desk in the
photographs of celebrities. You
know the sort of thing—massive,
antique, silver.

So I sallied forth and presently
beheld what I was looking for,
though it was vastly different from
that for which I had been seeking.
Reposing in the middle of the
jeweller's window was something
rather like a model of St. Paul's
Cathedral.

The dome was a clock, while
the inkwells—one for black, and the
other, O cripes, O joy, for red!—
were concealed in the two turrets.
The materials employed were glass,
ebonite, and chromium plate and the
price demanded was eighty-eight
dollars and ninety-two cents.

DID I reflect that \$88.92

would refurbish my ward-
robe for the imminent spring? Did
I think of the sum in terms of a
bit away for the rainy day?

Did I calculate how many kiddies
for how many weeks could for that
sum obtain milk from the S.P.C.?
Did I think of the refugees? No, I
did not.

I decided that if \$88.92 represented
my last cent, it must be spent upon
the purchase of that inkstand. A
hushed telephone communication
revealed to me that that sum was
standing to my credit in my bank,
with the less pleasing information
that it was very nearly my last cent.

Presently the miracle was borne
off in triumph, together with a cut-
glass tray for pen-holders, another
for cigarette ends, and a wonderful
contraption for manipulating scaling
wax. Also a vintage blotter, with
glass edges. The miserable penny
inkpot which has served me for
years was removed, and the work of
art installed.

My pen poised, I prepared to write
an article worthy of the occasion.
They say that a bad workman com-
plains of his tools. I have never
thought that a reason why a good
artificer should have unworthy im-
plements.

As I say, I sat waiting for inspira-
tion to emerge from that noble piece
of furniture in the way it has so
often gushed from that other humble,
supplanted vessel.

But nothing happened. For a
period, ideas came but not the words
in which to express them. This was
succeeded by another period in
which the words came, but without
any backing of ideas.

THEN I discovered what
was the matter. The ink-
stand was not silent. Its clock
ticked damnablely.

I took my inkstand back to the
jewellers, and would they change it?
They would.

They produced something like the
Taj Mahal with cupolas for black,
red, mauve, and green inks! It had
no clock. It cost twenty dollars
more.

This I bore off, and all the fore-
going has been at the instigation of,
I think, the third couple. The
mauve one. Yes, I am certainly
writing like Beverley Nichols.

Idiotically happy. Life, which pre-
viously was empty, is now full.

I feel that if somebody were to
offer me the real Taj Mahal I should
refuse it. I regard with infinite con-
tempt anybody who does not possess
an inkpot. Modelled after the Taj
Mahal and costing one hundred and
eight dollars and ninety-two cents.

What reader, is your inkstand?
Let me put it another way. What
piece of wild extravagance are you
contemplating, but from committing
which you are restrained by your
prudence, some ingrained habit of
economy, or even your wife?

Is it a new set of matched irons,
though you are in arrears with your
chits at the club? Is it a four-fold
case of straightgrained briars? Is it
that radiogram?

If you are a woman, is it that
shagreen handbag which will cause
your dearest friends so much chag-
rin? Is it a hundredweight of bath
suds at \$7.50 an ounce? Is it a pair
of silk stockings, so fine that they

It's Spring, so give yourself a treat ...

OR
why I paid \$100
for an inkstand

can be drawn through the eye of a
needle?

Is it a pair of shoes so high in the
heel that they make your ankles
precede your toes like a worn out
cab horse? Lady, as Max Miller
would say, I do not sympathise with
your feminine folly. But I under-
stand it.

You cannot pronounce the word
without wrinkling the nose. Yet
it is an admirable quality, provided
the possessor knows when to
tell it to get out.

NEARLY all the happiness
of life is in escape. The
fortunate few who are artists may
enjoy their work. But to the great
majority work is not enjoyable, and
it is rank humbug to pretend that
it is.

There is not much fun in getting
into, emptying, emptying, window-
cleaning, bus-driving, waiting on
gouty and irritable club members,
massaging the faces of obese dow-
agers, looking at bilious tongues,
annulants. It is the passion of
fighting tedious lawsuits, showing a
lot of sheep into cinema, carrying
figures from one column into an-
other, knecding the bread other
people are going to eat.

The best thing that can be done

with the humdrum is to put the
best possible face on it. "In the
sweat of thy face shalt thou eat
bread," says the Old Testament.
But the New Testament says: "Man
shall not live by bread alone." No-
where are we told that by the sweat
of his brow shall man keep his soul
alive.

Further, the book of Ecclesiastes
tells us that there is "a time to get,
and a time to lose, a time to keep,
and a time to cast away." Surely
money is a thing to be got and lost,
kept and cast away?

I hold no brief for extravagance,
and to obey the second and fourth
of Ecclesiastes' injunctions and dis-
regard the first and third would be
the height of extravagance. "What I
am advocating, dear reader, is to
observe thrift in season, but to
realise that, though a flower of
virtue, it is one of those flowers
which are entitled to be out of sea-
son."

In other words, I am telling
you that when you feel
necessity to let it rip, it is wise to
let it rip. A stitch in time saves
nine.

But you don't want a garment so
covered with precautionary stitches
that it becomes unsightly. When it
is a case of rip or burst, I say rip.
But do not rip too often.

That great man, Francis Bacon,
said much the same things when he
wrote: "A man ought warily to be-
gin charges which once begun will
continue; but in matters that return
not he may be more magnificent."

What Bacon meant was that it isn't
every day we kill a pig (or buy an
inkstand). But that when we do so
we ought to kill him, and buy it,
handsomely!

Britain Prepares Her Defences For The Next Crisis III

SLOWLY BUT surely Sir
John Anderson, Britain's
unofficial Minister for Civil
Defence, is putting his plans
for the defence of Britain
in the next war into effect.

His latest, and so far biggest,
is free air-raid shelters for poor
people.

Soon after he took office last
November, Anderson announced
that the government would buy
£20,000,000 worth of steel and other
material to build these shelters.

Now 10,000,000 people in Brit-
ain with incomes of not more than
£5 (\$25) a week are able to
have one just for the asking.

In his announcement Anderson
indicated that the government be-
lieves that most danger in an aerial
attack will come from explosive
bombs. It is understood that the
government does not now believe
that gas-bombs will be used, at least,
at first, and that the danger will
therefore be from flying splinters,
falling debris, and incendiary bombs.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the next

war Britain, for the first time
in 900 years, will be in grave
danger of armed invasion. In
the past the navy kept her
shores intact. The danger
now is from the air. To meet
this modern peril, Britain is
organising her civil population.
Every able-bodied man and
woman will have a job to do.
This series of articles tells the
story of Britain's army of
"passive defence", and of the
hundred-and-one other ways
in which Britain is preparing
for war at home.

Anderson described the kind of
shelter which is being built. It is
made of galvanised corrugated sheets,
weighs about eight hundredweight,
and is 6ft. 6ins. by 4ft. 6ins. by 6ft.
high. It will take the weight of any
debris that may fall on it, and shel-
ter four to six people. Sections can
be added to shelter more. It is
shaped something like the Nissen
huts used in the world war.

According to the plan local
authorities will visit householders to
ask if they want a shelter. If the
answer is yes, it will be delivered in
sections. The householder can either
store, build it up against a wall, or
sink it in his back yard. But he
must not sell it or give it away. It
will remain government property.

FREE SHELTERS

The free shelters will be loaned to
people with incomes of £250

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"There's been a terrible mistake—Mrs. Snodgrass has taken this
box for the season."

EVACUATING DANGER ZONES

On February 9, the Ministry of
Health announced a plan for
evacuating danger areas with a total
population of 17,500,000. The plan
split England, Scotland and Wales
into three groups: (1) Evacuation
areas, (2) Neutral areas, and (3)
Reception areas.

Evacuation areas, namely those
from which the population would be
moved—compulsorily unless good
reasons were advanced for staying—
are: All London boroughs, Southamp-
ton, Portsmouth, Gosport, Chatham,
Gillingham, Rochester, Birmingham,
Salford, Bootle, Erkenhead, part of
Walsley, Hull, Bradford, Leeds, Sal-
ford, Newcastle, Gateshead, Glasgow,
Edinburgh and Dundee.

Neutral zones, namely those which
neither would be evacuated or used
as reception areas, are: Parts of the
counties of Cornwall, Derbyshire,
Devenshire, Essex, Gloucestershire,
Hampshire, Kent, Leicestershire,
Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Norfolk,
Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Suffol-
dshire, Surrey, Warwickshire, Wor-
cestershire, Glamorgan and Mon-
mouthshire.

Other areas, which are not listed
as evacuation or neutral zones, and
are, therefore, assumed to be recep-
tion areas, are: Bedfordshire, Buck-
inghamshire, Berkshire, Cambridge-
shire, Cumberland, Dorset, Hereford,
Huntingdon, Lincolnshire, Northamp-
tonshire, Oxfordshire, Rutland,
Shropshire, Suffolk, Sussex, West-
morland, Isle of Wight, Wiltshire,
and all Wales, except Glamorgan and
Monmouthshire.

Plans for actual evacuation are not
yet formulated, local authorities in
the reception areas, however, are
making enquiries regarding billeting
and available accommodation.

SCHOOL EVACUATIONS

If and when the time comes, it is
assumed that children will be
evacuated by schools, as was planned
during the "September" crisis. For
the adults, an elaborate transport
plan is being drawn up, using trains,
motor-coach and lorry. All schools
will be evacuated on Page 5.

Balkan Pact

Sofia, Mar. 14.
The Bulgarian Premier, M. Kistevanov, is leaving tomorrow for Ankara at the invitation of the Turkish Government.
Bulgarian political circles believe that Turkey will make another attempt to secure the admission of Bulgaria into the Balkan pact by using a formula which will meet the Bulgarian territorial and other claims respecting Dobruja. And an outlet into the Aegean Sea.—Reuter.

Spain

Republican Soldiers Sent Home

Madrid Junta Seeks Honourable Peace

Madrid Front, Mar. 14.
The Madrid Defence Junta has ordered demobilisation of the 1915 and 1916 classes as well as of all persons called up during the last few weeks to serve in various auxiliary services.

Spaniards, the Madrid wireless announced, would now be able to face Spaniards with the object of making peace.

National Spanish quarters point out that the Government of Spain is still demanding the unconditional capitulation of the Republicans as a preliminary to the termination of hostilities.—Trans-Ocean.

Casado Seeking Peace

Madrid, Mar. 14.
General Casado stated today that the Loyalist Defence Council expected Franco to attack the city at any time and that the Loyalists were prepared to fight, though preferring an honourable peace.

Regarding discussion of peace terms, he said, "The Council knows the people want their national sovereignty to be respected, that there can be no reprisals, and that once peace is signed, harmony must reign among Spaniards. Since the people want this, and we want it too, we will do all possible to achieve it."
"That is my fundamental decision."—United Press.

STORY OF BELLWYN

Gibraltar, Mar. 14.
One of the first detailed descriptions as to how the British steamers Bellwyn and Stangate were stopped by a Nationalist Spanish warship was given by the Bellwyn's captain, Percy Evans.

In an interview, Captain Evans said: "Reports were received that General Franco intended to fire and sink all vessels in the vicinity of the Spanish coast. Thereupon three steamers decided to quit Valencia—the United States vessel, the Reed for Marseilles and the Bellwyn and Stangate for Gibraltar."

"When 23 miles north-west of Cape San Antonio a Spanish cruiser appeared and flashed her searchlights on the Stangate, signalling her to proceed to Palma. The Stangate changed course towards Palma. She had no wireless aboard."

"The cruiser then flashed similar instructions to the Bellwyn. I acknowledged the message, but continued on the course. Gibraltar. Seeing I had not complied, the cruiser began to circle around at full speed and constantly flashed her searchlights. I ignored all this and instructed the wireless operator to dispatch an S.O.S. stating, 'molested, ordered Palma by wireless, immediate assistance.' The cruiser approached within 25 yards and through megaphones shouted, 'we will fire and sink you if you don't obey.' I again ignored the threats, whereupon the cruiser came so close to our bows that we nearly collided. I cut the size time she fired a shot. I continued, ignoring everything. I signalled by Morse to the Stangate, 'I am not submitting but proceeding Gibraltar. I have wireless for assistance.' I would have had the Bellwyn sunk rather than surrender to the Spanish ship.—United Press.

TO RECOVER TREASURES

Burgos, Mar. 14.
The National Spanish Government has appointed a commission which will leave Spain for France today to recover all of the Spanish art works, jewels, gold and other money deposited in French banks by the former Spanish officials. The commission is headed by Senor Joaquin Ruiz, who is in charge of the National Spanish debts, and consists of Senor Cesar Arruace, Vice-Governor of the Bank of Spain and Senor Victor Artola as representative of the Spanish private banks.

Another commission which will take over and return to Spain all material and military equipment which the Republican troops took across the French frontier has already arrived in France.—Trans-Ocean.

HAPSBURG PROPERTY

Vienna, Mar. 14.
A decree formally confiscating all the Hapsburg property in favour of the German State will be published on Tuesday.—Reuter.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?
transquilly, suffocator, windless, oscillation.
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 8.

THE OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

CENTRAL EUROPE'S NEW CRISIS: INDEPENDENCE OF SLOVAKIA DECLARED

The Slovakian Council under M. Tiso has declared the complete independence of the state from the Prague Government and has appealed to the Reich for aid. German soldiers are reported to be already crossing the border.

The Carpatho-Ukraine has made a similar declaration and appeal and Hungarian troops are invading Czech territory.

The Prague cabinet is expected to resign.

Unofficial sources state that the Czech Government has accepted the demands for Slovak autonomy and the dismissal of General Sirovy, Czech Defence Minister.

British interest is said to be turning towards Poland and Hungary and their possible action if Germany allows, or orders, further dismemberment of Czechoslovakia; while it is generally agreed in London that the Anglo-French guarantee regarding the post-Munich boundaries of Czechoslovakia does not arise at the present juncture.

24-Hour Ultimatum

Berlin, Mar. 14.
A 24-hour ultimatum from Herr Hitler, threatening stern measures, has set the stage for the further dismemberment of Czechoslovakia by amputating Slovakia and Carpatho-Ukraine. This means the loss of two-thirds of Czechoslovakia and more than half the population since the Munich Agreement.

Informed circles state that formal announcement will be made this morning before the extraordinary session of the Slovak Parliament at Bratislava.—United Press.

German Hate Campaign

Berlin, Mar. 14.
Building up for to-day's climax, the afternoon papers carry such headlines as "How much longer?" "Europe's bonfire." "Rising disgust at wild terror." "Unbearable."

One editorial says that the situation in the German race group in Czechoslovakia is getting worse every hour. Responsibility before the forum of Europe and the world are solely and alone the Czechs. Czechoslovakia has become Europe's "German through a stream of hate against everything German."

Berlin Press Allegations

Berlin, Mar. 14.
The tone of the German press comments on events in Czechoslovakia grows steadily sharper. The situation in Slovakia has been relegated relatively to background in news of the day by messages from various parts of Czech territory which report attacks by Czech police and civilians on members of the German minority group.

"Germans are once more in distress," announces a four-column heading on the front-page of the Lokal-Anzeiger to-day. "Czech mob tears Swastika flags to pieces," "Barricade in Prague," "Brno and Olmutz," and "Cheb and Benes" are other typical headings which appear in the German press.

"The Czechs—old hatred—for the Germans has again broken out," says the Lokal-Anzeiger which outlines that the Czechs have learned nothing from past experiences. Germans have been arrested and in the most brutal manner maltreated, knocked down with truncheons, wounded, persecuted and insulted. The German national emblem, the Swastika flag has been torn down. The German minority was refused protection of any kind and German language papers were subjected to ruthless censorship.

The Voelkischer Beobachter addresses extremely grave warning to the Prague Government in view of new attacks on 350,000 people of the German race who are still living in the Czechoslovak republic. "In Brno, which for many centuries belonged to the German peoples, and which still has more than 60,000 German inhabitants, a mob of alien people apparently believes that it can attack with impunity Germans who profess loyalty to symbols of National Socialist Germany, and protect these Germans in a shameful manner, insulting them, knocking them down and maltreating them till blood flows. The Czech Police watches these excesses with complete passivity. This is a naturally intolerable situation for members of the German nation twenty kilometres from the frontiers of the Reich and therefore for entire German nation."—Trans-Ocean.

Cabinet Meets

Prague, Mar. 14.
Dr. Tiso arrived in Bratislava from Berlin by air this morning. A Cabinet meeting was held immediately on his arrival at which Dr. Tiso and also M. Sidor were present. Dr. Tiso has communicated the result of the talks to Berlin.

The Cabinet meeting was followed by a private conference of leading members of the Slovak Diet.—Reuter.

Independence Declared

Prague, Mar. 14.
Slovakia has been declared an independent State following a meeting of the Slovak Cabinet. One of the first acts of the new Government was to send a telegram to Herr Hitler notifying him of the fact and asking for his help.

The first news of the formation of the new Government was made known to the outside world by the Vienna broadcasting station.

The new Government includes Dr. Tiso, Dr. Sidor and Mr. Durcunsky as Minister of Propaganda.

There was a rush on the banks at Bratislava this morning and a decree had to be immediately issued that only 500 Slovak crowns could

be withdrawn by any one depositor.—Reuter Bulletin.

The New Cabinet

Pressburg, Mar. 14.
The list of the new Slovak Government which has been finally settled is slightly different to the previous report. The new Cabinet includes: Dr. Tiso, Vice-Chancellor; Professor Tuka; Foreign Affairs; Durcunsky; Home Affairs; Sidor; Chief of Propaganda without ministerial rank; Mach; Army; Callose; Finance; Prusichinsky; Justice; Fritz.

A country of 40,000 square kilometres with 2,600,000 inhabitants has thus become independent. Dr. Tiso will also be the future Slovak State President.

The date of the Slovak Presidential elections has not yet been fixed.—Trans-Ocean.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Berlin, Mar. 14.
A high Slovak source told the United Press to-day that German troops are expected to occupy Brno and Teln in the day. He indicated that probably the same procedure will be followed in the case of Pilsen, Mahrtsch and Ostrau. All these towns lie in the so-called mixed language belt and have large German minorities.

Brno is the centre of the Czech arms industry and the scene of scores of cases of alleged violence in the past three days. At Pilsen, which is predominantly German and surrounded by Czech districts, there is hardly a whole window pane in the town.

Informed quarters claim that the troops movements so far are very small. At the same time they point out that the German border ruses out of the Czech territory from the tip of Silesia to Vienna and heavy strength is not needed for such an operation as at present contemplated. It is expected there would be little opposition to the German troops. Brno lies directly across the route of march between Breslau and Vienna and which the German army would have taken last September to cut off Bohemia and Moravia from Slovakia. Some foreign quarters heard an unconfirmed report last night that the Germans will follow the same route and establish a corridor between Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia and Ruthenia, thus completely isolating the Czechs and preventing the constant border incidents between the two parts of Czechoslovakia.—United Press.

Aerial Activity

Vienna, Mar. 14.
An unusual number of military airplanes have been flying over and near Vienna since dawn.—United Press.

Army's Route

Berlin, Mar. 14.
It is reported from Vienna that the German Army will probably move in along the Vienna-Breslau line already ended by Prague as German express highway.—United Press.

Troop Movements

Budapest, Mar. 14.
Reports received here from Eperjes in Slovakia state that considerable contingents of Czech troops passed through the city all day yesterday and this morning in the direction of the Carpatho-Ukrainian frontier.

One of the Czech troops trains became derailed near the city when the wrong switch was pulled.

Shanghai

WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS DEMANDED

Washington, Mar. 14.
Japanese-American clashes in the International Settlement of Shanghai have prompted Senators J. H. Lewis and R. R. Reynolds to demand withdrawal of all the United States troops from the Orient, terming their presence in the war zone "a threat to peace."

The Senators said that the United States commercial stake is too small to warrant the presence of the troops. Senator David I. Walsh, challenged their statement, asserting that withdrawal of troops would violate international agreements and leave the United States unprotected, "which is tantamount to withdrawing police-men from the streets of Washington, and expecting law and order to continue as before. We have definite obligations in the Settlement," he said.

Senator Reynolds said: "The whole of China is not worth spilling the blood of a single son of a United States mother." He added that the United States investments in China are only U.S.\$240,000,000. "In order to protect this we have to maintain troops in China which might lead to considerable embarrassment, trouble and possible embroilment," he added.

Senator Lewis said that the State and War Departments do not agree on the China policy. "The War Department wants the troops to be withdrawn. The State Department insists that the troops be maintained to protect American nationals."

Senator William H. King commented: "The mere presence of the Marines tends to check the cruel and ruthless prosecution of the war. Further, we have American nationals and property in China which should be protected."—United Press.

Hungary Presents Ultimatum

Berlin, Mar. 14.
An ultimatum has been presented to the Prague Government by Hungary in connection with the entry of Hungarian troops into Carpatho-Ukraine on Tuesday, according to a reliable source in Budapest. It is stated that the crossing of the frontier by Hungarian troops is motivated by "intolerable provocations" of the Czech troops, and their attacks on Hungarian frontier guards.—Trans-Ocean.

Clashes With Hungary

Budapest, Mar. 14.
Reports from Clusht this morning state that conflicts occurred in the Carpatho-Ukraine, between Czech soldiery and members of the Hungarian minority.

In the Carpatho-Ukraine Czech troops continued to arrive from Eastern Slovakia all day yesterday.

According to reports, a decisive struggle between Czechs and Carpatho-Ukrainians is now in preparation. In Carpatho-Ukrainian circles it is stated more and more emphatically that no outside domination would be tolerated. Arrests are being made continually by the Czech gendarmes.

The concentration camp at Raho is so overcrowded that it had to be enlarged in the last few days. Inhuman treatment of the prisoners is of common occurrence.—Trans-Ocean.

Hungarian Invasion

Budapest, Mar. 14.
It is officially stated that Hungarian troops crossed the Czech frontier and occupied the town of Oerohgyalja during a clash with Czech troops.

The Hungarians opened fire on the Hungarian border troops and the latter returned the fire and advanced across the frontier. Firing was still going on this morning.

The number of Czech prisoners and casualties has not been revealed. Munkacs is near Munkacs or Munkacs which became Hungarian territory after the Munich agreement.—United Press.

Frontier Incidents

Budapest, Mar. 14.
A serious incident occurred on the Hungarian-Carpatho-Ukraine border near Munkacs this morning. The Hungarian version accuses the Czechs of attacking the Hungarian frontier guard.

The Hungarians occupied the village of Paderhind, two miles north of Munkacs.

A free-for-all fight resulted between the railway men and newly conscripted Czech recruits, a number of seriously and slightly injured men being left between the railway tracks.—Trans-Ocean.

German Troops Expected

Vienna, Mar. 14.
German troops are expected to march into Czechoslovakia during the next few hours.

Traffic in Vienna this morning was practically at a standstill owing to soldiers moving through the streets in full war kit and heading for the Slovak frontier.

An official German spokesman, asked by Reuter whether an occupation of Slovakia has begun, replied "not yet," but added it was probable.—Reuter.

German Troops Marching

Prague, Mar. 14.
It is stated at Bratislava that Dr. Tiso telegraphed Herr Hitler for help in order to prevent disorders, and Vienna messages state that German troops are already marching into Slovakia.—Reuter.

No Cabinet Changes?

Prague, Mar. 14.
The Czechoslovak council of Ministers continued in session last

Soldiers Killed

Singapore, Mar. 14.
One was killed and three seriously injured in a shell explosion at Pulau Tekong, fortified island off Changi, during firing practice in connection with the manoeuvres.
The dead man was Gunner James Murray, 20. He and the others belong to the 22nd Heavy Battery, Ninth Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery.—United Press.

Palastine

POSTPONE PROBLEM FOR YEAR

American Zionists' Suggestion

London, Mar. 14.
The Times confirms that Monday's Cabinet session formulated final proposals for the solution of the Palestine problem, but hints that the Government probably will not make this word "final" in too strict a sense of the term.

The situation now seems to be that from the English side the present proposals are regarded as the "final discussion basis."

The new document will probably be handed to the Arabs on Wednesday and to the Jews on the same day but later. Both delegations will then meet again separately for discussion of these proposals. Should no agreement be reached, the Secretary for Colonies, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, will, according to "The Times," immediately publish a "forced solution" in the form of a white paper.—Trans-Ocean.

American Zionists

London, Mar. 14.
A postponement of the settlement of the Palestine question by at least a year is proposed by representatives of the American Zionists as the result of the British proposals for a solution of the problem. It was stated in conference circles on Tuesday.

The American Zionists base their proposal on the expectation that by that time the international situation will have quietened down and the unrest in Palestine will come to an end.

The discontent of the Zionist representatives with the British proposals also finds expression in a report in the Daily Herald, which states that if the rumours of the creation of an independent Palestine state to be set up after a certain transitional period should prove true, the American Zionists would open a great propaganda campaign against England.

For this eventually an extraordinary Zionist World Congress had already been convened to meet in Washington next month in order to make a direct appeal to the democracies and the United States, so as to prevent the "defrauding" of the Jewish people.—Trans-Ocean.

night and in view of the seriousness of the situation, the plan to make certain changes in the Cabinet have been abandoned. The differences between various Ministers have removed any possibility of the council proceeding tranquilly.

The fact that the Foreign Minister M. Chvalkovsky, had an audience with the President of the Republic, is regarded as a favourable sign.

M. Chvalkovsky, Trans-Ocean learns from a well informed source, protested strongly against the action of the Government in dismissing the Slovak and Ukrainian Ministers. He is said to have declared that from the very beginning he advocated unconditional political co-operation with the German Reich. He also criticised Premier Benes for not having been better informed of the planned measures in Slovakia declaring that more opportune intervention would have saved the situation.—United Press.

Historic Decision

Prague, Mar. 14.
The Slovak Parliament will meet at 4 p.m. to take a historic decision, according to Premier Sidor in a radio message. He stated that the extraordinary session had been called as a result of "the demand" from M. Josef Tiso, the ousted Premier, after Tiso had conferred with Herr Hitler.

M. Sidor said the decision will be of importance not only for Slovakia but for the whole of Central Europe.—United Press.

Momentous Meeting

Prague, Mar. 14.
An extraordinary session of the Slovak Diet at which it is thought the independence of Slovakia will be (Continued on Page 5.)



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RUMJAHN COUSINS SUPPLY MORE THRILLS IN DOUBLES

Outplayed At First But Recover Well To Win

(By "Abel")

No greater compliment can be paid to the Rumjahn cousins, "S. A." and "H. D." than to say that after 14 years of continuous partnership they are still as delightful to watch as they were in 1925 when, as mere striplings, they entered the Colony Tennis Championships together for the first time.

Then, they were fresh from their Club successes and were looking for new worlds to conquer. Since 1925 they have won every conceivable honour in local tennis, yet instead of interest in them being on the wane, it remains as warm as ever. The reason for this probably is that there is a quality in their play which keeps one's interest sustained, whether they are winning or losing.

Yesterday's programme in the current tournament provided another example of why the Rumjahn cousins still succeed in drawing the crowd. For the first half of their match against the Chinese R.C. pair, Lee Wai-long and Lu Tak-cheuk, they looked likely to be eliminated in the second round—a thing which has never happened during the 14 successive seasons in which they have participated in the doubles championship. But it turned out to be the same old story: they finally recovered to win by the odd set.

WINNERS FORTUNATE

In some respects, it has to be admitted, the Rumjahns were fortunate yesterday. Half-way through their match, a slight drizzle began to fall, making the court very slippery; and the Rumjahns, being the more agile pair, were not affected to the same extent as their opponents, though the only player to fall was "H.D.", who did so while attempting to receive an acutely angled volley. Furthermore, the rain must have been a bother to Lu Tak-cheuk, who was wearing glasses. At any rate, it was evident that he did not play as well during and after the drizzle as he had done before.

The Rumjahns conceded the first set not because they played in a light-hearted manner as they so often do but because they were beaten by a pair who played the better tennis. Indeed so well were Lee and Lu playing in the first set that hopes of their causing an upset rose very high. The Chinese countered hard drives with magnificent volleys, and lobs with smashes which searched the side-lines.

While Lu imparted a great deal of speed and angle to his smashes and volleys, Lee was more varied and often caught the Rumjahns unawares with stop volleys and drop shots.

But as so often the case, the Rumjahns began to play better when they sensed danger of defeat. Mistakes were reduced to a minimum, their lobs were always of a depth to inspire respect, and they were inexorably they pulled up, and once the set was squared, the odds were on them winning.

A GREAT FIGHT

However, they did not win the second set without a fight. Services were held until 3-3 was called, and then they broke through Lu's service. Sirdar reached 40-love on his service, but to the horror of the Rumjahns supporters, the R.C. pair won the next six points in a row to snatch the game, which meant that instead of having a lead of 5-3, the Rumjahns were checked at 4-4. The set had only been delayed, as it proved for they broke through Lee's service and then "H.D." held his to win out in the tenth game.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Lee Wai-long and Lu Tak-cheuk 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Paul Kong and B. Szeto beat J. W. Leonard and G. Choa 6-4, 6-0.

I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu beat Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam 6-1, 6-1.

Singles

S. W. Liang beat N. A. E. Mackay 6-3, 6-2.
F. H. Kwok beat P. S. Leong 6-3, 6-2.

Luk Chun-chong beat C. R. Bax 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
W. K. Ma beat T. A. Pearce 9-7, 6-3.

Though play in parts reached a high level, the third set was something of an anti-climax. After 2-2 had been reached, the Rumjahns won the next four games for the set and match. The Chinese resistance weakened considerably in the last few games; even Lee, who had been the steadiest of the four, began to make mistakes, and he was caught with the ball at his feet on several occasions as he went hesitantly up to the net.

On the whole, it was a splendid game, providing enough excitement for the large gallery, the majority of whom must have expected a sensational upset after the first set.

EASY VICTORIES

J. W. Leonard and George Choa, who reached the semi-finals last season, were put out by Paul Kong and Szeto Bick in the second round yesterday. The latter pair won with surprising ease by scores of 6-4, 6-0. The strong all-round game of the winners told its tale. Kong and Szeto revealed few weaknesses yesterday, and on this form, they should go far.

An I.R.C. pair, A. R. Minu and I.M.A. Razack, had little difficulty in accounting for Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam of the South China A.A., who were out-classed. The singles ties provided little over which to enthuse, the results being more or less as expected.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme today:

Lim Thiam-tet v. Lee Yue-wing
H. G. Gan v. George Choa
A. Crawford v. Paul Kong
C. Fincher v. Paul Kong



The Rumjahn cousins, many times winners of the Colony doubles tennis championship, gave local enthusiasts another thrill at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday when they met Lee Wai-long and Lu Tak-cheuk, of the Chinese R.C., in the second round. After losing the first set and being 2-3 down in the second, they staged a splendid recovery to win by 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Armstrong To Defend His Welterweight Title In England

London, Feb. 23.

In the first week of April Henry Armstrong, a dual champion of the world, the greatest boxing attraction, but Joe Louis, in the United States, will sail to England. Brigadier-General Critchley, travelling ambassador on behalf of himself and his sports enterprises, has pulled off the match on which his mind has been set for many months.

He has fixed Armstrong with Ernie Roderick at the White City Stadium, London, for late May or early June. A General Critchley called the good news from New York yesterday, and though he makes no mention of the money he is to pay Roderick, he does mention that Henry Jackson, of St. Louis, Missouri—it may be assumed that Henry's visit is not likely to cost a penny less than £10,000.

When the general departed to talk things over with the coloured champion's manager, Eddie Meade, it was agreed that conversations would be held with £7,000 as a basis. From that point Mr. Meade expected to go up, and then up some more. He had gone down, the Managers Union would have branded him as the blackest of blacklegs, and the general would have decided there was something phoney about the whole deal.

Also mentioned in the contract is Jake Kilrain, who is almost forgotten. Kilrain has been going to fight Roderick since the last Derby at Epsom, but with one thing and another happening to him, Kilrain has had to postpone his return to the ring until Grand National eve at Liverpool.

On that night (March 23) Kilrain and Roderick meet for the British welterweight championship. General Critchley has therefore taken into account a possibility which makes him shudder... that Kilrain might plant an incandescent swing on the Roderick chin.

ALL THAT MATTERS

As for Armstrong, he doesn't mind whether Kilrain rises or lands. He is getting £10,000, no matter whom he meets and that's all he cares about.

However, there is no denying at this moment that Armstrong v. Roderick looks the better match. A much-travelled and experienced boxer is Roderick, and a great puncher. Boxing skill has been moulded to a natural fighting style. Roderick can shoot punches from anywhere. He looks the most likely man in Britain, apart from Sydney Wooderson, to give Armstrong a run.

(\$7,000): Jimmy Hines of Garden City, New York 318 points, Ralph Guldahl of Madison, N. J. 310 points (\$5,000): Henry Picard of Hershey, Pa. 274 points (\$8,000): Cooper 270 points (\$7,000): Revolta 265 points (\$9,500): Byron Nelson of Renning, Pa. 238 points (\$5,465): Vic Cheney of Deal N. J. 207 points (\$4,831): and Honton Smith of Oak Park, Ill., 203 points (\$4,153).

SNEAD VS. THE FIELD

Snead's ascent to the throne was perhaps the most rapid on record. Although he started swinging a shynny stick when he was eight years old, he was unknown beyond the city limits of White Sulphur Springs W.Va. until 1930.

He never won a tournament until he captured the Oakland, Cal. open with a 270 in 1937, then added Bing Crosby's open and pro-amateur the next week. Since then, the tournaments have been reduced to Snead's natural, the field—British United Press.

An American staying in London gave this description of Armstrong: "Most fighters have one crazy spell in a fight when they outlose in a fury which throws the best of opponents on the retreat... And then, after a minute or so, they come back to normal... But this Armstrong—in private life, Henry Jackson, of St. Louis, Missouri—it may be assumed that Henry's visit is not likely to cost a penny less than £10,000.

Maybe—but so is his bill for the job.

£16,000 SHOW

Possibly Armstrong's £10,000 fee is "all-in," but that is doubtful. If General Critchley is to pay his income tax and the fees for transporting his party, there is a lot more to add to the amount. And on top there will be £500 tax due to the Boxing Board of Control.

Roderick would hardly accept less than £2,000, and when we add the minor fights and the far-from-light promotion expenses, it becomes a £16,000 show.

Well, Max Baer and Tommy Farr—drew £15,000 indoors. In the open air at White City Petersen-Doyle produced £13,000, and at the same place Carnera-Galins played to 40,000 people and grossed £17,000.

Can Armstrong v. Roderick, a welterweight match, beat those figures?



Henry Armstrong. He is terrific but so is his bill.

Oxford University Beaten At Rugby

London, Mar. 14. Cardiff to-day defeated Oxford University, winning by 24 points to 10.—Reuter.

RECREIO BADMINTON PLAYERS MAY PAY A VISIT TO SHANGHAI

Ladies Should Hold Their Own Up North

(By "The Bird")

Although it has not been possible either to arrange for a Hongkong Interport badminton team to visit Shanghai this year, or for Shanghai to send a side down to the Colony, I am told that there is a distinct possibility that a team from the Club de Recreio will journey to Shanghai next month, or early May to play a series of matches with clubs in the northern port.

Last Evening's Matches

The following were the results of the matches played at Talkoo last evening:

SENIOR SINGLES

F. Koh beat T. F. Tong 17-16, 18-17.

MEN'S DOUBLES

P. S. Bui and M. S. Lim beat D. Kwok and F. H. Kwok 15-13, 17-16.

Harvey Thinks Louis Is Vulnerable

London, Feb. 17. The heavyweight champion of the British Empire sipped his beer in a dark room off Fleet Street, leaned across the table and said, "If they think I'm a bum in America, they have every right to."

It was Len Harvey speaking—Len Harvey, who in many ways is the most amazing fighter in the world, a man who thinks Joe Louis has a weakness and who would like to prove it in the ring some time.

"If Tommy Farr can go 15 rounds with Louis," Harvey said, "I don't see any reason why I shouldn't give him a tough go. In America I doubt if anyone wants to see me fight. But here in England Louis and I would draw a gate of £100,000 or more."

Like Max Schmeling, Harvey thinks Louis is vulnerable and, like Schmeling, he's keeping it as his own secret.

"Louis can punch," Harvey said. "But there's no rule in boxing that says that you have to let a man crack you with his best punch. My rule is never to give one to land two blows, but to give none and land three. Notice Louis' feet and the position he strikes from. They tell much about his weakness."

REMARKABLE CAREER

Harvey's career is something to write home about in these days of powder-puff punchers and brittle heavyweights. He began fighting at the age of 13, when he weighed only 90 pounds. He has fought in every division from flyweight to heavy weight and has had more than 400 bouts. And now, in his 19th year in the ring, Harvey is still clear-eyed and unmarked.

He was asked why he thought people in the United States would consider him a bum. Harvey laughed and recalled that he had three fights in the United States—and lost them all, two to Vince Dundee and one to Ben Jey. That was in 1921 when Harvey was a middleweight.

"I should have been a sensation in the United States," he said. "The very first punch I landed floored Vince Dundee for a nine count. I never landed a good punch after that. That two fights I had with Jey were the worst of my career."

FOOTBALL TOURISTS

Straits Team Leaves For Manila And Hongkong

Singapore, Mar. 14. The Straits Chinese Football Association team left to-day on board the m.v. Victoria to play a series of football matches against Manila and Hongkong.—United Press.

The Straits team is first going to Manila, and on their return journey will pass through the Colony. They are expected here about the end of March, and tentative arrangements have been made by the South China Athletic Association to play against them on April 1 and 2.

Doping Wicket At Oval Alleged

A page from an English weekly, which allegedly shows in a series of photographs the method of doping the Kennington Oval wicket, has been passed on to the Australian Board of Control by the Victorian Cricket Association delegate, declaring that on such a wicket bowlers stand no chance of displaying their wiles, and the sooner such practices are stopped, the better it will be for cricket.

Mr. Davey, Secretary of the Surrey County Cricket Club, told Reuter that the series of photographs was certainly taken last summer, but pointed out that, so far as the Oval Test wickets were concerned, they were being prepared to-day by the same methods as those of 40 years ago.—Reuter Special.

The Recreio hope to be able to send their four strongest lady players—Miss M. Silva, Miss M. Ribeiro, Miss O. Ribeiro and Miss Xavier (who also plays for Kowloon Tong).

According to Shanghai reports, Hongkong lady players are stronger than their representatives, and this was supported to a certain extent when Shanghai players performed in Hongkong two years ago.

It is certain, therefore, that if they do make the journey, the Recreio ladies will worthily uphold the name of Hongkong badminton in Shanghai.

At the moment, only two men players are likely to make the trip—M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios, though it is possible that they will be strengthened by two more by the time the team departs.

It is planned to play mixed and ladies' doubles matches against clubs such as the Lusitano Club and the French Club.

The team will seek the official approval of the Badminton Association, although it will not go to Shanghai as a representative Hongkong side.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES RE-ARRANGED

Only one or two matches remain outstanding before the semi-final brackets in the four championship events are filled.

On Friday, M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho will play off their men's

doubles tie with L. Sung and T. F. Yung at Talkoo.

It should be noted that the second previously announced match for this evening, Au and Koh v. Ho and Ho has already been played off.

On Tuesday next P. K. Hui and Miss Ullan Koo will play off their postponed mixed doubles tie with A. Koon and Miss R. Summers. Miss Koo has been in hospital for some time, but she hopes to be well enough to turn out on Tuesday next. This match will be played at Talkoo, followed on the same night by the re-arranged singles match between M. A. Oliveira and K. L. Yung.

If these revised fixtures, as well as the matches arranged for to-night are played off, it will be possible to stage the semi-finals during the end of next week and the beginning of the following week, and the Association will be able to complete the championships by the end of March, thus making the way clear for the rest of the league programme.

There is bound to be a play-off between Recreio and University for the mixed doubles, and this position is not yet clear in the "B" Division, where a slip-up by Chung Wan will probably necessitate a play-off. To-night's championship matches are as follows:

AT CLUB DE RECREIO

D. Kwok v. A. Koon at 8 p.m.
C. Au v. S. F. Hon, at 8.30 p.m.
C. Au and Miss Remedios v. L. Fisher and Mrs. Clark at 9 p.m.

Fifth Cricket Test Now Abandoned?

M.C.C. Tourists Close To Sensational Win

Needing 696 runs in the fourth innings to win the Fifth Cricket Test against South Africa at Durban, the M.C.C. had scored 654 for five wickets by tea-time yesterday. Heavy rain and poor light during the interval made resumption of play impossible.

A report, not officially confirmed, states that owing to the necessity for the team to sail for England the Test had to be abandoned as a draw. If this is the case, it is particularly unfortunate for the tourists because they now need only 42 runs to win with five wickets in hand.

Peculiar though this report appears to be, it gains credence owing to the fact that according to the official fixtures of the team, the programme was due to conclude with a match against West Province, which was to have been played on March 11, 13 and 14. The Test, however, has dragged on for 11 days, having started on March 3.

The M.C.C. tourists gained further fame to-day by establishing a world record score for the fourth innings of 578 for 3 at the lunch interval, beating the 572 made by New South Wales against South Australia in Sydney in the 1907-8 season.

It was also England's highest Test score against South Africa, beating the 559 for 9 declared at Capetown on January 9.

There was a small crowd of 300 when Hammond (58) and Paynter (24) resumed their innings. The poor attendance was due to the threatening weather. The wicket appeared to be wearing at the ends, but it was playing easy.

The 500 was hoisted after 620 minutes of play and when 524 was registered Hammond had scored 75 and Paynter 32.

Paynter had made 52 including a couple of fours when the partnership gave 100 runs in 152 minutes.

Melville, the home captain, pinned his faith on the pace of the bowlers but this made no impression on the batsmen who took no risks.

Lunch was taken with the score at 578 for 3, Hammond's score now being 93 and Paynter's 68.

Afternoon's Play

The crowd had increased to 1,500 after lunch with the weather dull. Hammond reached his 100 in 273

minutes and he had hit three boundaries. A feature of his play was the grand driving to cover and his cutting.

The 602 was reached in 740 minutes. Just when the South Africans looked disconsolate and a beaten side, Paynter edged a ball from Gordon into Grieverson's hands, 611 for 4. His 76, which included five fours, was made in an aggressive innings marked by his driving.

At this stage there was a couple of stoppages owing to rain, Ames having joined partnership with Hammond.

The score was taken to 650 when Hammond was stumped by Grieverson off Dalton. Hammond made 140, including seven fours, with fine classic driving. He stayed at the wickets for 349 minutes.

Valentine joined Ames and they carried the total to 654 for 5 when tea was taken, Ames having scored 17 and Valentine 4. The tourists now needed 42 runs to win and they had five wickets in hand.

Scores:
South Africa—First Innings... 830
Second Innings... 481
M.C.C.—First Innings... 316

M.C.C.—2nd Innings

Hutton, b Mitchell... 55
Gibb, b Dalton... 120
Edrich, o Gordon, b Langton... 210
Hammond, st. Grieverson, b Dalton... 140
Paynter, o Grieverson, b Gordon... 32
Armes, not out... 17
Valentine, not out... 4
Extras... 24

Total (for 5 wkts.)... 654
Fall of wickets—1 (Hutton) for 70; 2 (Gibb) for 288; 3 (Edrich) for 447; 4 (Paynter) for 611; 5 (Hammond) for 600.—Reuter.

SENSATIONAL RISE OF SAM SNEAD

Los Angeles, Feb. 20. Only three quick years removed from the obscurity of his native West Virginia Hills, swinging Sammy Snead won the Harry Vardon memorial trophy and official recognition as America's foremost professional golfer.

The slope-shouldered hill-country boy, named by experts as possibly the greatest man with a driver and a putter since the sport was invented, won the coveted title in a walkaway with 620 points or 141 more than the runner-up, Paul Runyan of White Plains, N. Y.

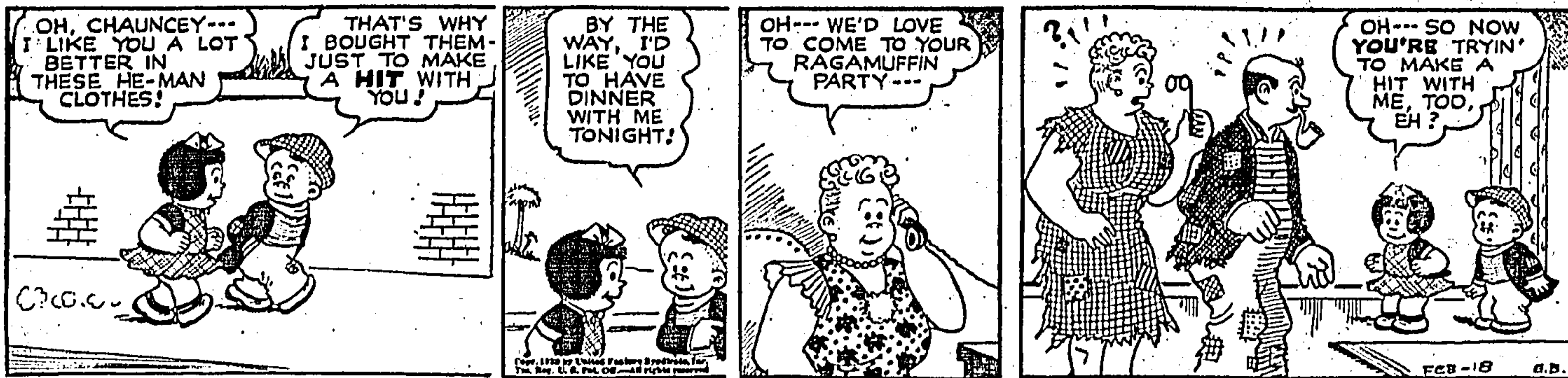
Additionally he took prize money of \$10,834.40 or more than twice the sum of his nearest competitor in that field, John Revolta, or Evanston, Ill. The Vardon ratings were released by Fred Corcoran, tournament manager of the P. G. A., who said snead's earnings constituted an all-time record in this country. The ratings are based on the positions in which the golfers finish in all fixtures sponsored by the P. G. A. Harry Cooper of Chicago, Mass. won the trophy a year ago when Snead was third.



Sam Snead

Others in the first 10 and their winnings were: Runyan, 379 points; Press.

NANCY



Slogans Can Help Golfers A Great Deal

AN AID TO BETTER CONCENTRATION

Latest Is: "Stay Behind The Shot"

London, Feb. 14.

James Hines, Metropolitan Open champion, is regarded as almost a certain choice for the United States team to meet Great Britain in this year's Ryder Cup match.

A powerfully built young man of similar physique to R. A. Whitcombe, British Open champion, Hines has gained a reputation as one of the mighty hitters.

Weighing 14 stones, he thinks nothing of rapping out 280 yards drives even with the larger American ball which, in theory, is not supposed to travel as far as the smaller British ball.

He uses a 14 1/2-oz. driver which is considerably heavier than the normal weight. Unless unusually strong in the hands, wrists, and forearms it is inadvisable to employ a driver of that weight, the tendency being for the club to swing the player instead of conversely.

There is a mistaken notion that the heavier the club the longer the drive; actually the exact opposite is the case, writes a correspondent.

The chief factor of length is speed of clubhead at impact—the greater the speed, the greater the length. For the average player the maximum weight is 13 1/2 oz., the best results being obtained with a club of 13 oz.

Inexperienced and ill-informed players should be warned that it does not follow because Hines can hit tremendous distances with a heavy club, they can do the same. Hines is an interesting personality, being the chief exponent of the style known as "staying behind the shot."

Americans are fond of slogans which have their use if only to help the player to concentrate on one thing at a time. One of the most useful is "Hit past the chin," a neat, clear-cut phrase which has done more to assist the player to keep his head down and to look at the ball than anything else.

It is the unshakable belief of a friend of mine that by concentrating on this slogan, and repeating slowly to himself the four words, "Hit past the chin," his handicap has come down six strokes to single figures in eight months. Some day he hopes to reach the scratch mark.

ANOTHER SECRET

It may be that some other golfer by strict adherence to the exhortation contained in the phrase, "Stay behind the shot" will make similar rapid progress.

Hines claims that it is the secret of his hitting, and good golf in general. Allowing the body to move forward in the direction of the hole as the downward movement of the hands is made is one of the main reasons why the "rabbit" remains a "rabbit."

The principal symptoms are body sway and the failure to keep the head "at the anchor" during the back swing. Further, the left side is allowed to give way, a condition not surprising since too much of the weight of the body is shifted to the right leg.

In these circumstances, there is not sufficient time to get it back and build up a firmly braced left leg and side.

Because the ball in relation to the weight, speed, and momentum of the club offers little more resistance than a piece of cottonwool, the player has to find something to hit against. In his case the fulcrum is the left side from the foot upwards.

A flabby left side means a flabby, ruined shot. Hines's pigeon-hole stance is typical of Cotton's address. In the case of the American player the stance is adopted to restrict the body turn, too much of which he regards as highly dangerous.

The backward swing of the hands is also curtailed, the point reached being slightly higher than the shoulder.

In this way Hines is able to keep the shot consistently straight without sacrificing length because of his great inherent strength, and, most important of all, he "stays behind the shot."

In an effort to keep his 14 stones behind the blow, Hines almost gives the impression of falling backwards, a position known in America as a "Charley horse."

AN IMPORTANT HINT

A vertical line drawn from the left heel, which is dug into the turf, shows the whole body well behind the line. The follow-through indicates that the right hand, as in the case of all the experts, has taken control just before impact and carried on to a complete and uninterrupted finish.

While unable to drive as far as Hines, we may be able to hit farther and straighter by adopting the counsel, "Stay behind the shot."

Marcel Dallemagne, the Frenchman, who is one of the world's longest hitters, has no slogans to offer in the way of advice. According to him, length depends on three factors—physical strength, speed of down swing, and accuracy in hitting.

He regards physical strength as the principal factor, and it is significant that no examples exist of exceptionally long hitters who lack power. Strength lies chiefly in the wrists and forearms, for, according to their muscular development, the player will either be a long or a short hitter.

In the case of Hines, he has enormously big, powerful hands and the muscular forearms of a blacksmith. But there are some players of aver-

143,982 PAID £11,269 TO SEE F.A. CUP "SERIAL"

By Charles Buchan

After five and a half hours of strenuous football spread over three games, West Ham United beat Tottenham Hotspur yesterday in the replayed fourth round F.A. Cup tie at Highbury.

In the second period of extra time Macaulay scored the goal that gave West Ham the right to visit Portsmouth in the fifth round on Saturday week.

The aggregate attendance at the three games was 143,982, the receipts totalling £11,269. There were 42,716 at the first game at Upton Park, 50,788 at White Hart Lane, and 50,488 at Highbury.

Each club will be richer, as a result of the ties, to the extent of about £3,500.

The F.A. takes 5 per cent. of the receipts at each replay, while roughly one-sixth is paid in entertainment tax.

ALL PAY

With the expenses for the three games, including the fee for playing

age strength who hit farther than those with exceptional strength. In their case the secret is speed; they make up for inferior power by greater speed of clubhead in the down swing. It often happens that with muscular development pushed to extremes a condition of rigidity sets in and speed is lost. Thus golfers who give the appearance of being able to drive 300 yards find great difficulty in reaching the 200 yards mark.

PRACTISE DAILY

The best method of developing the essential muscles is the hitting of balls "and" in this case, when golf is an undesirable adventure, an hour's practice a day driving balls into a net can be undertaken with undoubted advantages.

In his younger days Cotton indulged in two hours' practice hitting balls against a mattress reared against a garage wall. He has developed into one of the longest and one of the most accurate drivers. His slogan would be "Practise intelligently." Jones, on the other hand, coined the golden phrase, "Wait for it" (meaning the clubhead), while Alec Morrison based his treatise of two hundred pages on "Pointing the chin."

Morrison dogmatizes; for instance, he says: "If you have been told not to 'sway,' forget it. Such advice is harmful and misleading. The correct body balance in golf is a moving one, as in walking. You must shift your weight from foot to foot before turning the body if you hope to get efficiency and power into the swing. It is because this fact is not generally understood that a turning of the body is usually advised and taught as the proper method of beginning the back swing. It is wrong."

"Any attempt to maintain a fixed balance by distributing the weight evenly between the feet while swinging will tighten the muscles and joints in the lower part of the body. It creates tension and discomfort, both of which will increase as the swing progresses."

The best example of the "sway" is Ray, whose huge frame moves from side to side as the swing begins. Mitchell puts it another way. He says that a lateral shift of the hips to the right takes place before any body turn is attempted. "Keep moving" would be his slogan.

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OUR SPELLING-BEE (see page 7) trajectory—winnable—windlass, tranquil—stupor—ossification

By Ernie Bushmiller

HOCKEY TOURNEY

C.B.A. And D.C.S. Draw In Brawn Cup Match

An evenly contested Brawn Cup hockey match, ending in a draw of 1-1, was played between the Central British Association and the Diocesan Girls School in Kowloon yesterday.

Playing on their own ground, the school girls missed many chances to score through badness and misjudgment in handling the ball when close to goal. Scores opened in the second half when Miss E. Woolley converted for C.B.A. as a result of a short corner.

The school girls succeeded towards the end of the game when A. Chan scored after breaking through the opposition on her own.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was more activity in the market to-day, and the turnover was fairly large, particularly in Stocks which were dealt in at \$18.00/\$19 1/4 for the Old and \$18.10/\$18 1/2 for the new shares. Electrics at \$50 1/2/\$51, and Watsons at \$9.05/\$9.15.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$14.10
Bank of East Asia \$20
Canton Insurance \$22 1/2
Union Insurance \$47 1/2
H.K. Fire Insurance \$100
Douglases \$67
H.K. Docks (Old) \$19 1/2
H.K. Docks (New) \$19 1/2
H. & S. Hotels \$25
H.K. Tramways \$16.00
Yammut Electric (Old) \$24 1/2
H.K. Electric \$30 1/2
Macao Electric \$18
Sandsan Lights \$11.10
Telephones (Old) \$22 1/2
Telephones (New) \$7.25
Canton Ice \$1
H.K. Ropes \$4.10
Watsons \$9
Wing On (H.K.) \$4 1/2
Entertainments \$7
Vibro Filing \$6 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan 4 1/2 p.m.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Loan par.

Sellers

Union Insurance \$45
H. & S. Hotels \$25
H.K. Tramways \$17.10
China Lights (Old) \$8.05
Macao Electric \$18 1/2
Sandsan Lights \$11 1/2
H.K. Electric \$30 1/2
H.K. Docks (Old) \$19.00/19 1/4
H.K. Docks (New) \$18.10/18 1/2
China Lights (Old) \$8.00/8 1/4
H.K. Electric \$30 1/2/31
Telephones (New) \$7 1/2
Watsons \$9 1/2
Antanaka Pa. 44 1/2
Bangkok Gold 28
Benguet Consolidated 13.50
Grove 47
Demonstrations 12 1/2
K. L. 55
Yammut Electric 15
San Maurizio 2.20
Suyoc 21
United Paracales 75

CRICKET CLUB ELEVENS

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong C.C. in League matches against the Club de Recreation on Saturday:

1st XI (Away).—H. Owen Hughes, T. A. Pearce, C. L. Pearce, G. P. Longfield, J. L. Hiley, M. F. L. Haynes, J. H. Fox, W. P. Richardson, W. G. Neus, D. Bryan-Grower, D. O. Parsons.

2nd XI (Home).—E. J. R. Mitchell, C. W. Bishop, R. M. Starke, T. E. Potter, H. J. D. Lowe, D. S. Robb, N. P. Fox, G. E. R. Divett, C. D. N. Walker, H. J. Armstrong, R. M. M. King, V. C. Bond (12th man).

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

The final of the Ladies' Championship played on the Old Course at Fanling yesterday afternoon resulted in a win for Mrs. J. W. Sheehan, who beat Mrs. J. F. King four and two.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Canton University Economics Society will be held at the University auditorium on Friday, March 17, at 7 p.m.

During the meeting, new officers will be elected and many resolutions will be placed before the members. All members, past and present, are cordially invited to attend.



Love's fatal arrow strikes Jean Parker and John Neal, the romantic leads in the new Bob Burns comedy-drama, "The Arkansas Traveller," which opens to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

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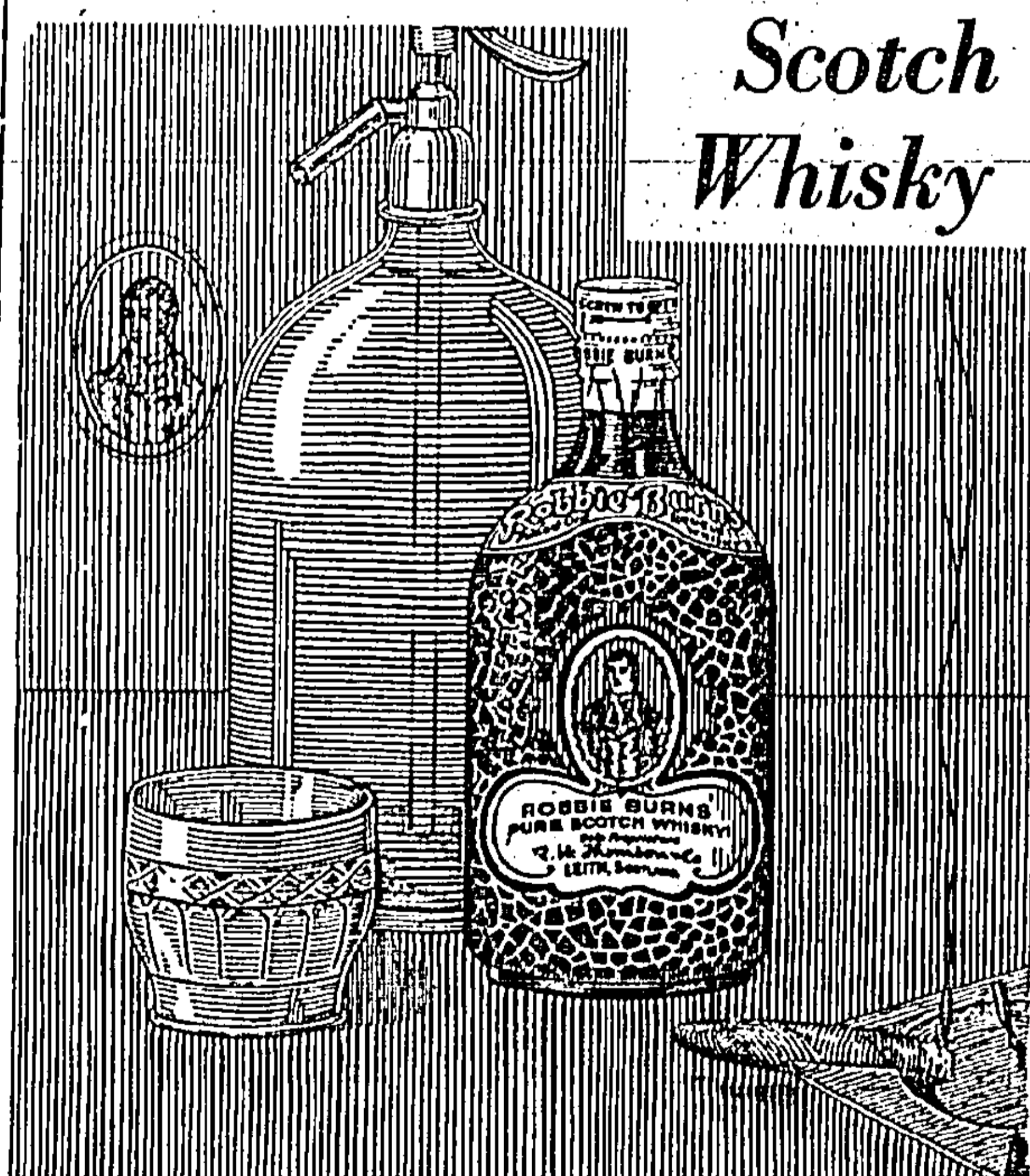
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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary
Hongkong, 13th March, 1939.

COMING SOON!



Acquiring Balance

THEORETICALLY, we always think of a woman as being graceful, but actually, only a small proportion of womanhood are really as graceful as one expects them to be, whether they are dancing, walking, sitting, or doing anything else. Grace depends on a number of things, of course, but one of the most important is balance.

You may, at first, think there is no connection between balance and grace, but anyone who has anything to do with physical culture will tell you that an ability to balance with ease has a direct effect on the physical movements of everyday life, since they lend assurance, ease, and control to the whole being.

Next, some head exercises. Balancing on one foot, and keeping your hands on your hips, move the head, at first very gently, forward and up again, then similarly to the sides and back. As your balance becomes surer, you can move the head more vigorously. Then you can try an even harder exercise, that is, bending the head forward, then all round in a complete circle and up again. Shaking the head, at first gently, then move vigorously, is another thing to do.

Don't allow yourself to become agitated if you wobble when doing exercises. If you cannot steady yourself, just drop the second foot and rest for a second or two. If you allow yourself to get worried and completely spoil your chances of acquiring balance, for your subconscious mind will become worried and will lose confidence permanently. Keep calm and assured all the time. Balancing exercises give you poise. They are well worth a little practice.

Roma Lobel

Youthful Married Women

"HOW do you manage to keep looking so young?" I asked a married woman of my acquaintance the other day. Although she has been married for over eight years, she has two young children, and runs the home with only occasional help, she does not look older than I remember her in pre-marriage days. She replied modestly that she did not know, and, quite frankly, did not think anything about it. So I was left to ponder over the reason having as a background for my thoughts the fact that so many married women seem to grow older than the years warrant, and so many single women retain their youth till self-acknowledged middle age.

But something my friend let slip gave me a clue. "This is my night for the theatre," she said. She went on to explain that ever since she had married she had reserved one night in the week for her girlhood friends, most of whom were unmarried. They spent this one night together. During the winter months they went to an entertainment, and in the summer there was tennis or occasionally golf or a walk in the country. She looked forward to that night in the week, and had scarcely missed it in all the years of her married life.

Marvelling at the unusual length of such friendship, I became dimly aware of difficulty. "But the children," I murmured. "Oh, my husband knows this is my night out and he tries to stay in, and, if he cannot, we get someone to come in." I also learned that both husband and wife arranged a night out by themselves each week if it were possible, even if it were only to have supper together in town.

In a Nut

Perhaps there is more in this than we think. We married woman are so prone to settle down. For the first few weeks or months we retain something of our energy even in being entertained or in sport or in friendship and companionship, but gradually we become tied to the home. It is so easy to slip into ways which, while they may do justice to the home, do not do justice to ourselves.



Fashion dictates that veils with complement Spring hats, be they simple or dressy. At left, the slightly mushroom, "guava crepe" hat in white is enmeshed in a fine black veil. The purple veil brings out one of the colours of the turban in changeable taffeta at right.

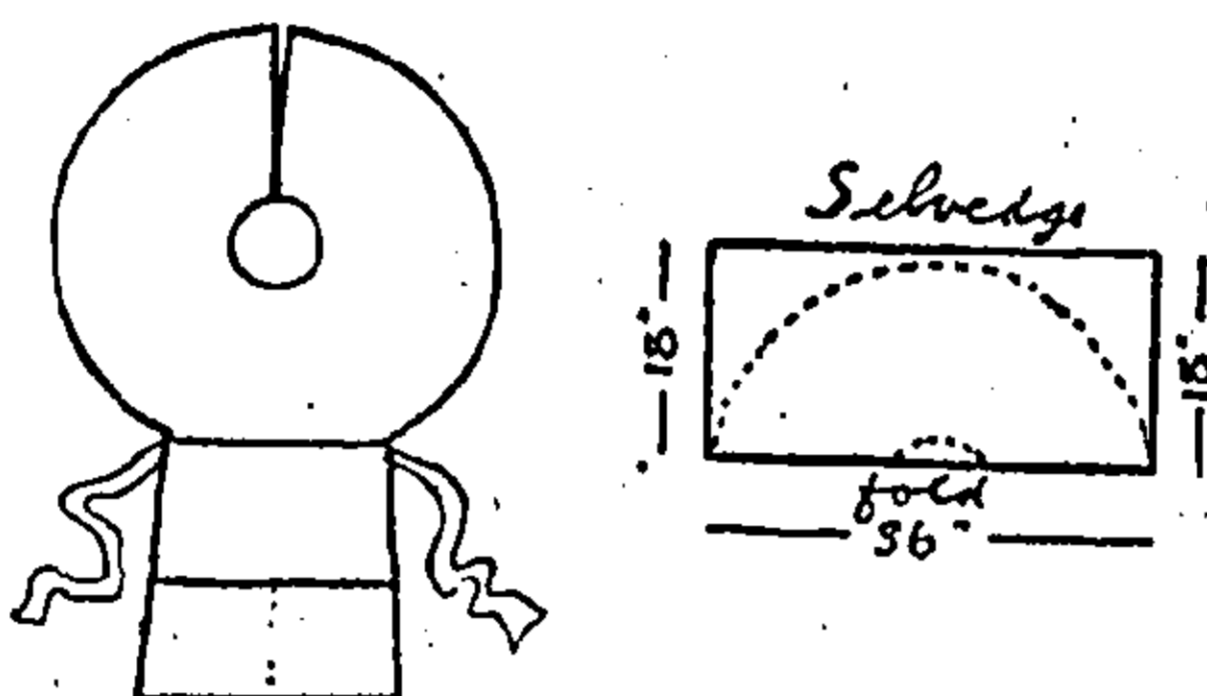
Make-up apron

Cut it out in gay cotton, wear it when you do your face

IN these days of elaborate coiffures and closefitting dresses, we have to make up and "do" our hair after slipping on our frocks. Powder and blobs of cream are likely to fall on nice new dresses, and hairs drop on to our shoulders.

This useful apron will prevent all that. Its cape top will protect your shoulders and the pocketed front part will take care of your skirt. A supply of cotton-wool, cleansing tissues, orange sticks, etc., can be kept in the pockets.

The upstanding neckband can be tucked into highnecked dresses so that the neck can be creamed and powdered without any damage to the dress.



What You Need

To make the apron you need 1½ yds. of 36 in. wide checked seersucker and ¼ yd. of plain material. Seersucker washes like the proverbial rag, and does not lose its colours.

Cut the odd ½ yd. from the checked material, leaving a piece 36 in. square. Fold this in halves and cut it into a large semicircle, as shown in the diagram. Cut out a small semicircle for the neck opening.

Cut the ½ yd. of checked material in halves lengthwise. Stitch one end of one of the pieces to the front of the circular piece, matching the centres.

Measure off nine inches from the remaining piece of material. This is for the pocket. Cut off an inch or two from the bottom of the apron skirt if it is too long for you, then sew on the pocket. The sketch will show you how this should look. A line of stitching up the middle will divide the pocket into two.

I Don't Understand My Son

I AM bitterly disappointed about my son. When he was a child I looked forward to his being grown up. I expected to find him a pal; I imagined we would have many interests in common, and that our companionship would be fun.

But the fact is I cannot get to grips with him. He is twenty-two, has a worth-while job in the City, and has never given cause for any anxiety, but as for my knowing what goes on in his mind or what his ambitions are, or his being a pal of mine, he might just as well be a complete stranger.

Sometimes I begin to have my suspicions. I feel forced to think that I cannot get to grips with him because there is nothing to grip. Is he hollow, a sham, a man lacking in guts?

I suspect that my son gets along quite well because he has not sufficient character to go wrong, is too lackadaisical to kick over the traces. **Apparent Lack of Interest**

He indulges in most modern pursuits—has a car of his own, plays tennis, stays out late at night, but he does it all with an air of not being particularly interested.

The same thing applies to business and politics. He never offers me a word about his affairs in the city, and when I ask him how he is getting on he replies with a "Quite O.K., Dad," and that is as far as we get.

I have not any idea what his politics are. I have never heard him drop a word of dislike for "the other side" or of praise for "our side." The wrongs of this, that, or the other party or people do not rouse a flicker of indignation.

Why, I would prefer it if he was burning red-hot for the side whose views are opposed to mine; I would feel then that he had some opinions and the guts to back them up. "Politics" he utters scornfully, whenever I broach the subject.

In my youth I was cast in a very different mould. I was interested in everything, and went full out for the interest of the moment. No one

could never accuse me of lack of enthusiasm, and the blunders I made were of commission rather than omission.

And that brings me to the possibility that I am making a blunder now. Am I blaming my son for my not being able to get to grips with him when the fault is really mine? Is it not perhaps, the eternal problem of youth never to be truly understood by the old?

Maybe there is some special shrewdness behind this apparent lack of interest. Maybe he shows no sign of ambition because in his own way he is planning carefully for the future.

A Superior Philosophy?

Is his refusal to shout for this or that political badge the sign of a superior philosophy which knows that the promised millennium will come from neither?

Perhaps he regards my political enthusiasms as something rather pitiable and refuses to discuss them to spare my feelings.

I am beginning to think that after all there is behind the apparently casual, lukewarm attitude of modern youth a hardness and resolution which are all the more valuable through their lack of outward show.

Are we old ones wrong and the young ones right?

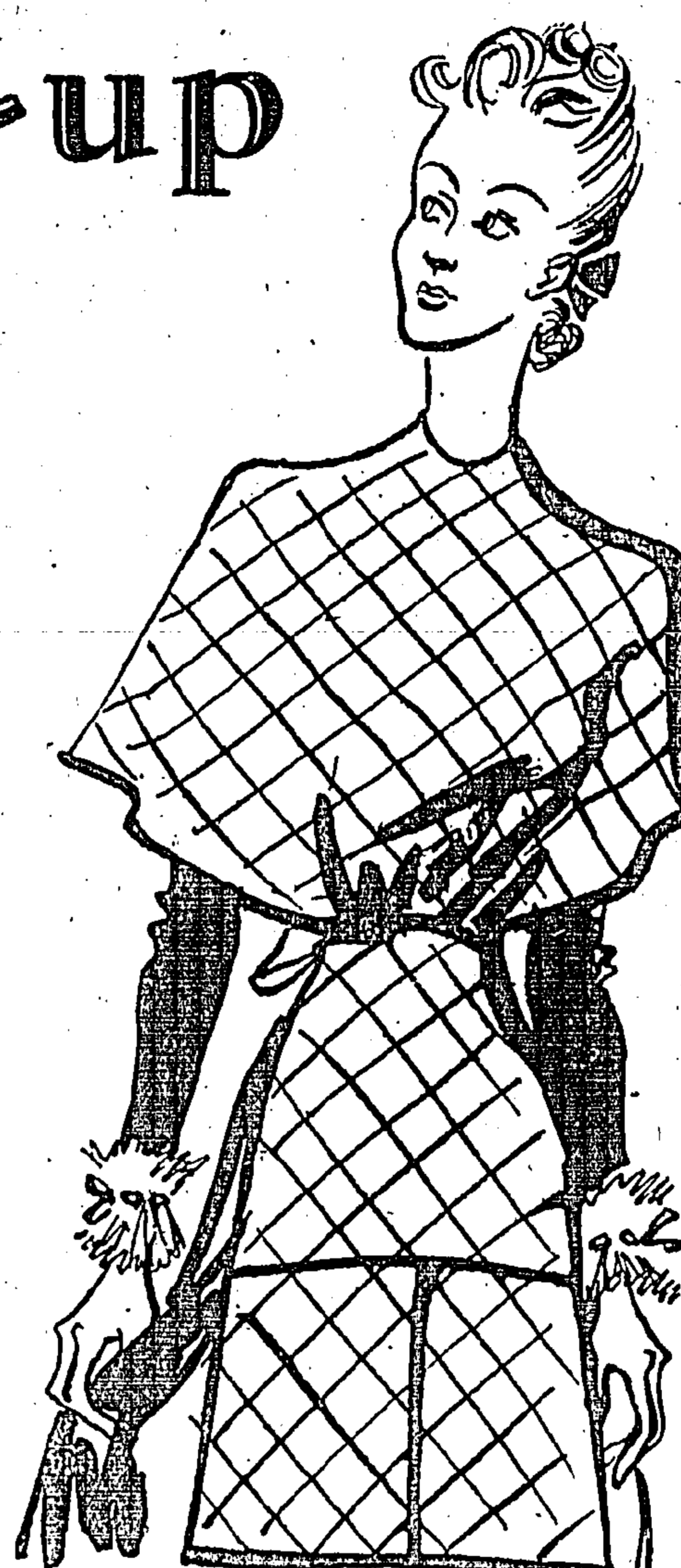
Do they regard our enthusiasms as so much ballyhoo?

I am beginning to believe that my son and all our sons would fight to the death, in the gun-pit and trench if need be, for what they consider, in their cold, logical way, to be right.

Their apparent lack of enthusiasm is due to scorn of flag-wagging, drum-beating, and all the ballyhoo of patriotism.

That is why I cannot get to grips with my son.

He and I live in remotely different worlds, and this lack of companionship is part of the price the older generation must pay for having made such an unholy mess of the world that was ours.



Apron Strings

Attach apron strings of the plain material to each side of the skirt at the waist. A piece of tape should be sewn to each side of the neck opening, and the apron is finished. For visits away from home a special "best" apron can be made from a less-serviceable fabric, but be sure that it will wash. It is only when you have been wearing an apron for a couple of weeks that you will realise how much it saves your dresses!



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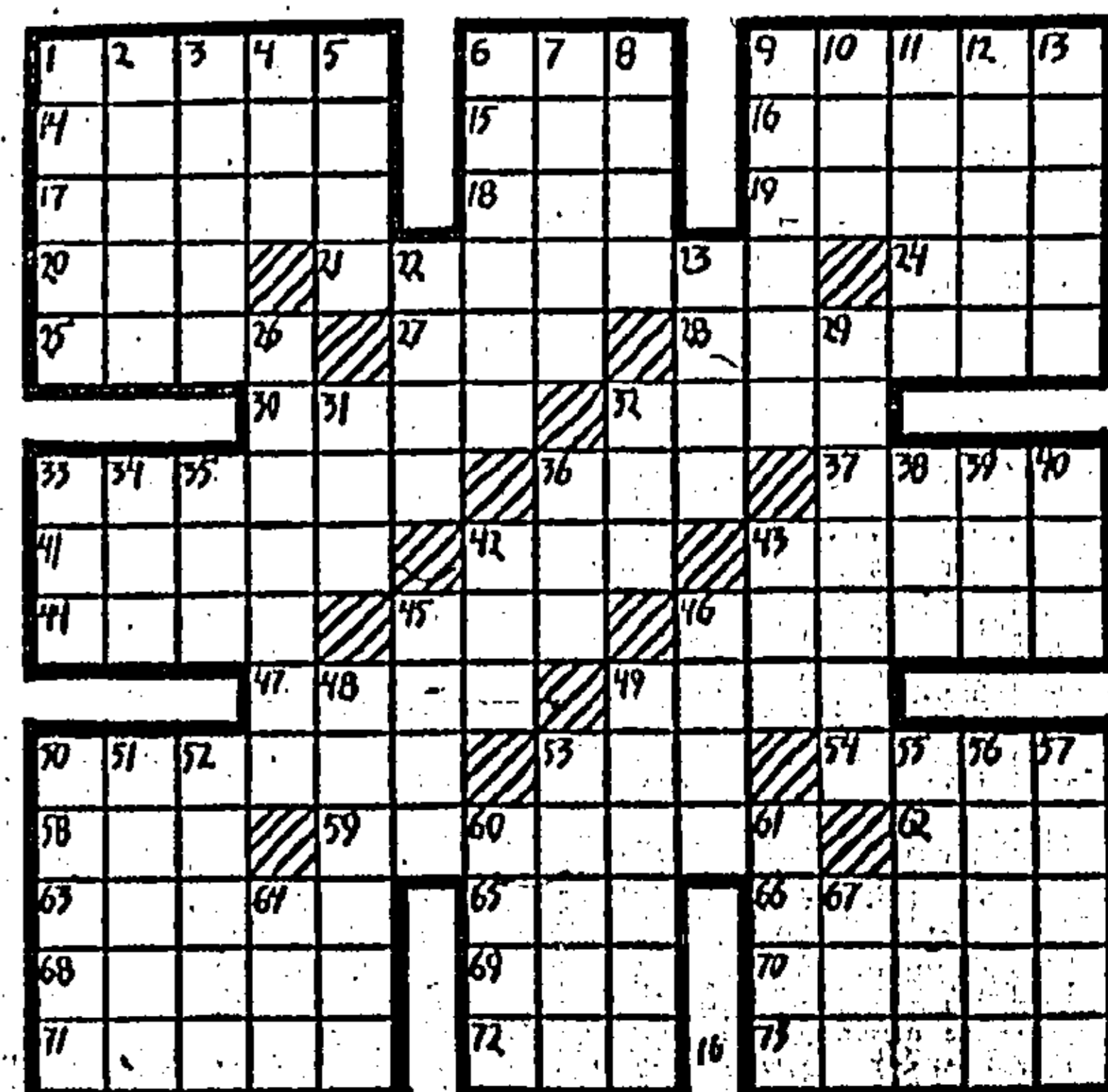
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Spiral notebook
- 2-plane
- 3-dresses canasta
- 4-New Zealand native
- 5-Mauchurian bean
- 6-Old womanish
- 7-fetie
- 8-kind of tort
- 9-Confederate general
- 10-indescribable substance
- 11-Debutante
- 12-Otherwise
- 13-Felt too absorbent
- 14-Small die
- 15-Mountain lake
- 16-Is present at
- 17-Ideal wore in golf
- 18-Divorce rapid
- 19-Abbreviated
- 20-Dissemination
- 21-Worried
- 22-Intersected
- 23-Overlaid
- 24-Vast continent
- 25-Female horse
- 26-Crissal leader
- 27-Slaves in gambling
- 28-Plant
- 29-Province in
- 30-Particular
- 31-Crissal area
- 32-Most unimportant
- 33-Period of time
- 34-To the left

DOWN

- 1-Placed expression
- 2-Deer's best
- 3-Card
- 4-Before
- 5-Charming trick
- 6-Across
- 7-Disputious
- 8-Printing characters
- 9-One who gives well for principle
- 10-Indefinite personal
- 11-Caused by tides
- 12-Mate nappy
- 13-Doctrine
- 14-Face
- 15-Pace
- 16-Infinite
- 17-Unit of work
- 18-One who angers
- 19-Insect
- 20-Night
- 21-Artist
- 22-Addition
- 23-Fruit stone
- 24-Unit of work
- 25-Matted name
- 26-Body of water
- 27-Vehicle
- 28-Mud
- 29-Preparation (Latin)
- 30-Leaves of corn
- 31-General moral class
- 32-City's name
- 33-Prokitt animals
- 34-Divert
- 35-In direction of
- 36-Poetry
- 37-Diner
- 38-Vein
- 39-Recently deceased
- 40-Played at law
- 41-Vestibule



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LEFT: Bridal group photographed after the Coulson-Donaldson wedding—King's Studio.



ABOVE: Miss Violet Bradbury who was bridesmaid at the Coulson-Donaldson wedding.



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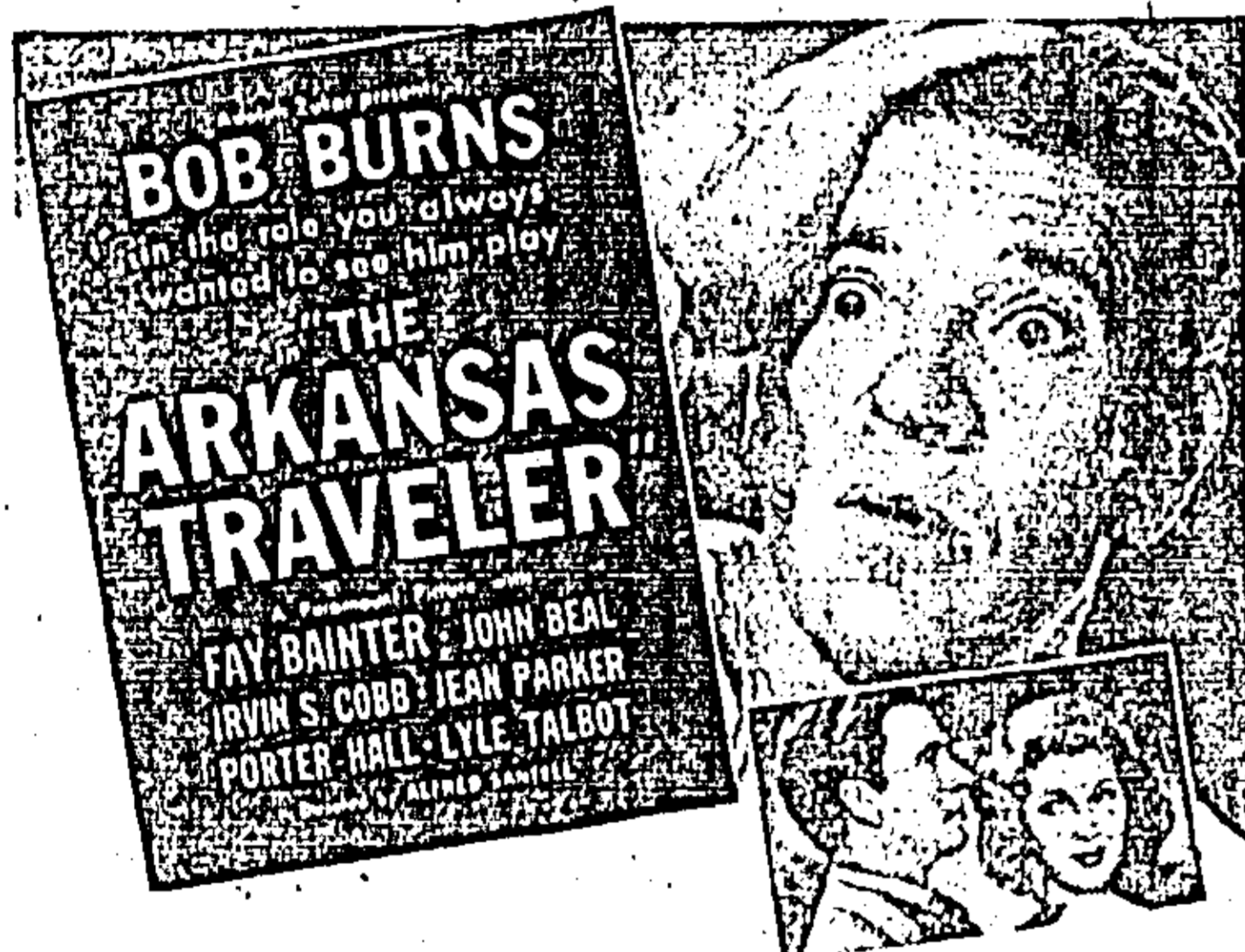
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THE LATEST NEWS FROM EUROPE

Czechs Clearing Out Of Ruthenia: German Troops Welcomed in Slovakia

PRAGUE, Mar. 15.

IT WAS officially announced early this morning that the Prague Central Government has acceded to the Hungarian demands for the quickest possible withdrawal of Czech troops from Ruthenia.

The Czech Government has instructed General Prchal to discuss the necessary measures with the Ruthenian authorities. At the same time it is reported from Ukrainian quarters that General Prchal has left Hust. It is rumoured that the General fled to Rumania.

The Carpatho-Ukrainian Government has convoked the Diet for to-day in order to put the annexation of Hungary to the vote.

An official Czech manifesto, issued over all radio stations on Tuesday night, also declared that the Prague Government will also concede to all German demands. The manifesto declares that historic and geographic unity binds the Czech state with the realm of the German Reich, and that this has been recognised by the President, Dr. Hacha.

ANSCHLUSS NEGOTIATIONS

Hust, Mar. 14.
The Foreign Minister of the new Independent Ruthenian Government, M. Kevay, will communicate with the Hungarian Government during the night. It was officially stated here, in order to ascertain whether the Hungarian offer of January 20 is still valid. This offer, it is recalled, referred to Hungarian proposals for greater autonomy for Ruthenia under Hungarian rule than it enjoys at present as part of the Czech Federal State.

This inquiry marks the first overture, it is declared, for a voluntary annexation of Ruthenia to Hungary.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN TROOPS WELCOMED

Moravian-Ostrau, Mar. 14.
The occupation of Moravian-Ostrau by German troops began at 5.30 p.m. Police-headquarters and the town-hall were first occupied. Police and officials were disarmed and detained. Czech troops had already left town and the whole industrial district, which forms the narrow salient between German and Polish territory.

At 6 p.m. further German troops crossed the Oder bridge which forms the frontier between Germany and Czechoslovakia, and disarmed the Czech customs officials and police, who did not attempt any resistance. With armoured cars the troops quickly proceeded to Silesian-Ostrau which adjoins Moravian-Ostrau and from there to the Czech-Polish frontier at Mielichowice.

Shortly after 8 p.m. further German troops reached Moravian-Ostrau where they were given a rousing welcome by the German inhabitants who had assembled before the German Club.

At the same time the industrial centre of Vitkovice, situated only a few kilometres further south, which contains large blast furnaces and iron foundries, was occupied by German troops.—Trans-Ocean.

PRAGUE GRANTS FREEDOM

Prague, Mar. 14.
The Slovak declaration of independence is recognised in the following statement broadcast from Prague this afternoon:

"Slovakia has adopted a new course, and, following due deliberation, has decided in favour of independence. Czechs and Slovaks have co-operated for 20 years, and

during this period collaboration was certainly not to the disadvantage of the Slovaks. Throughout this time, the Czechs, as well as the Slovaks, were guided in their efforts by the will to benefit themselves and their mutual state.

"To-day the Federal bond between Bohemia and Slovakia ceases to exist, and each of us will pursue an individual existence.

"On this occasion, when two brotherly nations take leave of each other, we can truthfully assert that the Czech people have never entertained feeling of enmity for the Slovaks.

"We desire from the bottom of our heart that the Slovak nation will reap success in its future independent existence, and that the Slovak people will acquire economic conditions conforming with the requirements of the nation.

"The Czech State is now faced with a number of problems, which differ considerably from former tasks. We are beginning a new epoch in our national life, and it is necessary that we take up the work of leadership with a spirit of unity, discipline, and prudence.

"In our co-operation with the Slovak Independent State we shall retain friendly recollections, realising as we do, that political frontiers cannot separate the hearts of people who have been together for so many years."—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN TROOPS MARCH IN

Paris, Mar. 14.
Officials at the Quai d'Orsay state that they have heard reports that German troops have occupied the steel basin and communications centre of Mahrtschostrau, while the Hungarians have penetrated into Ruthenia, and have progressed 25 kilometres along the Slovak border, expecting to make a junction on the Polish border to-morrow.

Prague reports also state that German troops and S.S. formations with tanks have crossed the frontier and occupied Mahrtschostrau and Radwanitz, roughly at 5 p.m., to-day, and are marching through both towns into Slovakia.

It is reported that German troops

BRITISH TRADE DECLINE

London, Mar. 14.

UNITED KINGDOM exports in February were valued at £38,052,216 compared with £37,558,722 a year ago.

Imports amounted to £35,515,512 against £37,709,008. The value of imports is lowest for any month for more than two years.

Re-exports last month were valued at £4,772,323 as against £5,527,706 in February, 1938.

For the first two months of the year the fall in the value of imports compared with the corresponding period of 1938 is nearly £20,000,000, while the decline in exports is just over £1,000,000.—British Wireless.

have also crossed the frontier at two other points.

It is also stated that the Prague Government has formed a provisional Cabinet until Parliament meets to-morrow to decide the future of Ruthenia. M. Volesin in a broadcast from Hust said that until the convening of Parliament, the Government had not undertaken steps to make Ruthenia independent.

A Warsaw message says that the Hungarian Legation informed "United Press" that Hungarian troops were advancing across Ruthenia and had reached a point 15 kilometres from the Polish border, where they had halted for a rest, and would resume the advance to-morrow.—United Press.

AREA NOW IN GERMAN HANDS

Prague, Mar. 14.
It is officially stated that German troops have occupied the major part of the industrial district of Moravian-Ostrau, having advanced to Misteck, which lies only 20 miles south of the town.

The occupation of Moravian-Ostrau was carried out without incident, the Czech militia having withdrawn. The entire city is now in German hands.—Trans-Ocean.

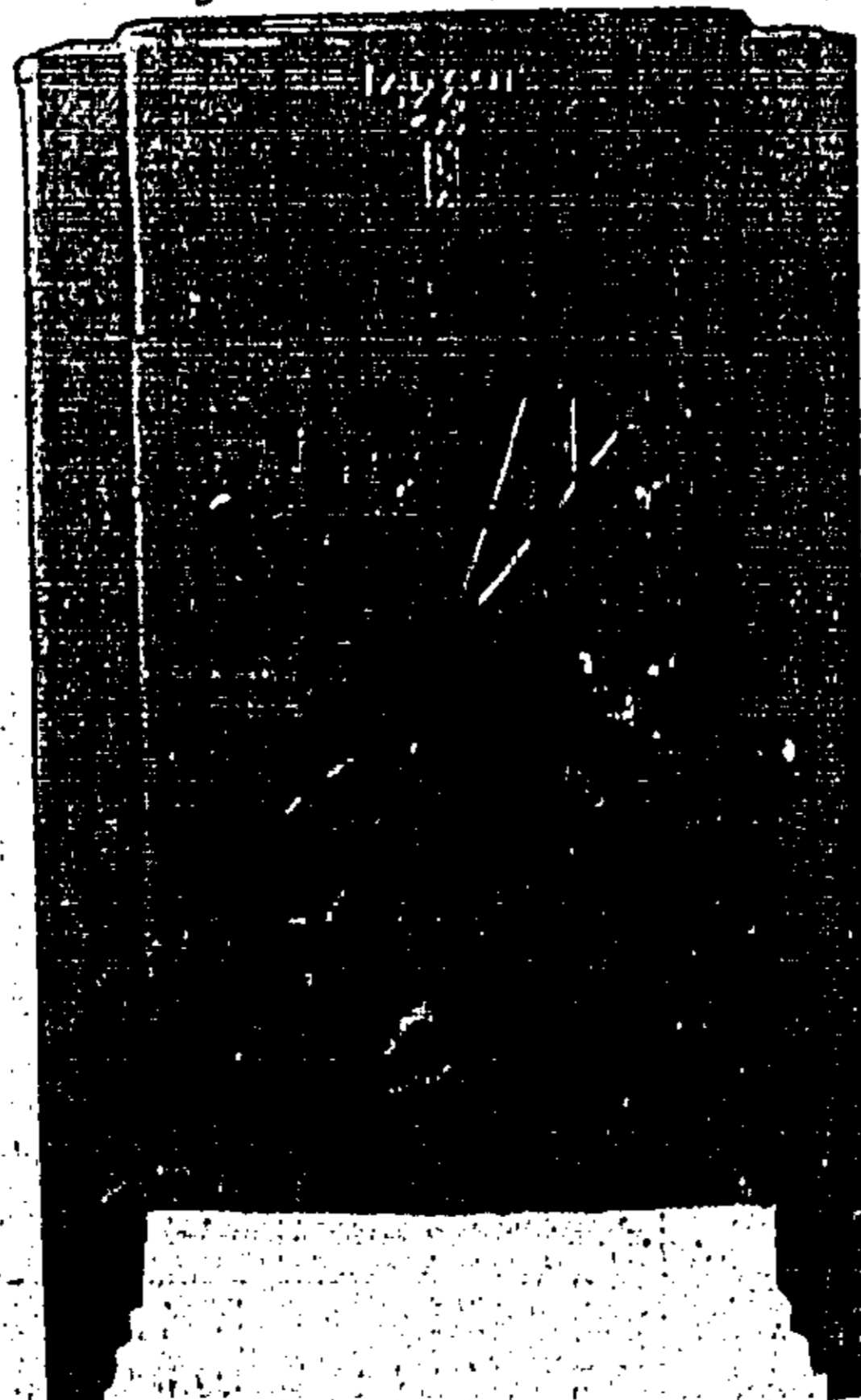
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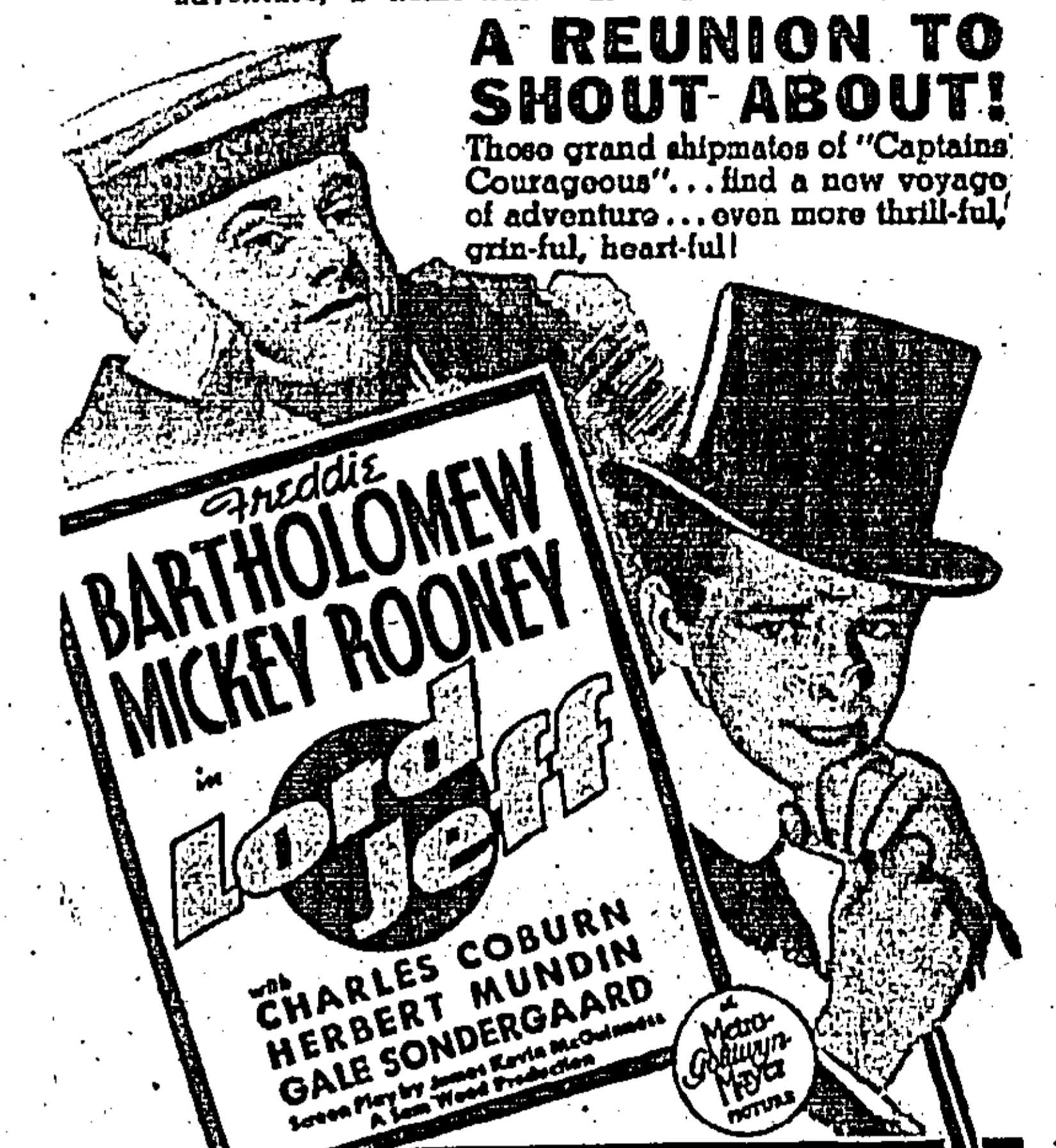
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Italy To Make Her Demands

Rome, Mar. 14.

Signor Mussolini is authoritatively reported to be preparing to voice Italy's "natural aspirations" shortly, in view of the fact that the Czech-Slovakian crisis has centred world attention on Central Europe.

Political circles attach importance to to-morrow's Council of Ministers, developments in Czechoslovakia, which is expected to discuss Italy's following the coronation of the Pope, aspirations in the light of the new —United Press.

Syrian Cabinet Resigns

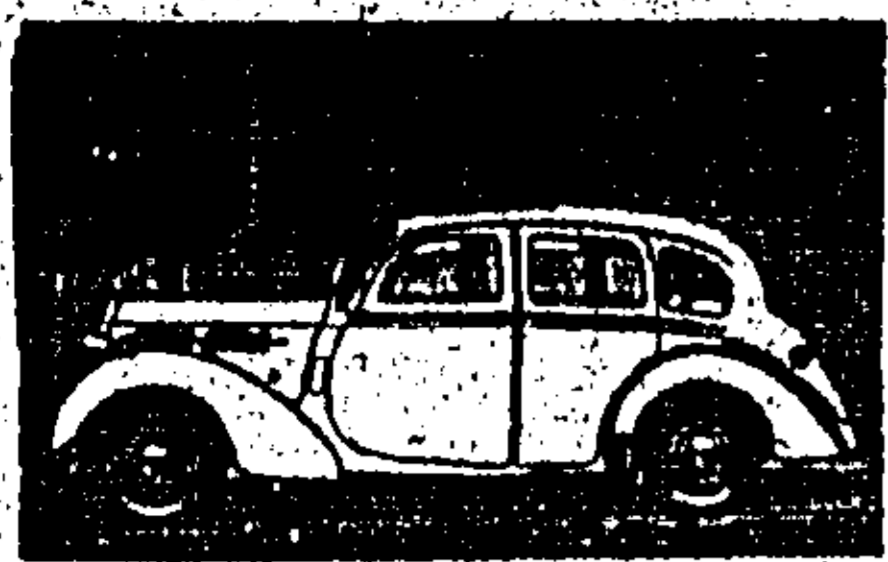
Damascus, Mar. 14.

The Syrian Cabinet has resigned, it is proclaimed, as a protest against the Government's refusal officially to promise ratification of the Franco-Syrian Treaty of 1936.—United Press.

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Republic Disappears In Drives By Reich, Hungary:
Ruthenia, Occupied; Germans March On Prague

TOTALITARIAN TROOPS RACE TO GAIN RICH TERRITORIES

BERLIN, MAR. 15.

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CHANCELLERY CONFERENCE, DECLARES THAT GERMANY HAS TAKEN THE CZECH PEOPLE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE REICH.

AN AGREEMENT ON THESE LINES, DATED MARCH 15, WAS SIGNED BY HERR HITLER, PRESIDENT HACHA, AND M. CHVALOVSKY.

THE COMMUNIQUE FURTHER DECLARES THAT THE AUTONOMOUS DEVELOPMENT OF CZECH NATIONAL LIFE WILL BE GUARANTEED BY THE REICH.

OCCUPATION SET FOR 1 P.M. H.K.T.

The Prague Government went into an extraordinary session at 2 a.m. to await the result of the Berlin talks, and a Government spokesman, with tears in his eyes, told "Reuter" that German troops would enter Czech territory at 5 a.m. (1 p.m. H.K.T.).

The Czech army would be disarmed by the Germans as they meet.

THE DISMEMBERMENT of the Czecho-Slovakian Republic has been completed.

The Democracy which, only six months ago, boasted a population of eleven millions and an area of 54,207 square miles, has to disappear.

This is how the split-up has been effected:

RUTHENIA, yesterday proclaimed an independent Republic, will probably revert to Hungary. It has a population of 725,000 people and an area of 4,886 square miles and lies in the easternmost neck of the dismembered Czech republic, bordering Poland, Rumania and Hungary. An Hungarian Anschluss will give Poland and Hungary a common frontier.

SLOVAKIA, the largest part of the Czech Republic, becomes an independent State under German "protection". It has an area of 18,895 square miles and a population 3,245,000. German troops have invaded it.

MORAVIA has an area of 10,384 square miles and a population of 3,501,000. It has been invaded by German troops and its future is uncertain.

WITHIN FEW HOURS

THE CZECH PORTION of the former Republic is to become a part of Greater Germany and the occupation of all cities, including Prague, commenced at 1 p.m. H.K.T. to-day.

Although, as exclusively reported by the "Telegraph" yesterday, the Prague Government granted the Slovak demands for complete independence—a fact confirmed by "Trans-Ocean" and "Reuter" this morning—events moved with such rapidity that dismemberment of the Republic became an established fact within a few hours.

It is believed almost certain that events were hastened by rivalry between Hungary and Germany, the two members of the anti-Comintern.

Fearing that German aid in securing autonomy for Slovakia would end for ever the 1000-year-old Hungarian claims to Ruthenia, the Budapest Government last night sent a 24-hour ultimatum to Prague, demanding:

HUNGARIAN ULTIMATUM

- 1.—The immediate release of all Hungarian political prisoners;
- 2.—Immediate cessation of the persecution of Hungarians and the grant to them of the right to organise themselves.
- 3.—Supply of rifles to Hungarian protective organisations in Slovakia and Ruthenia;
- 4.—Withdrawal of Czech troops from Ruthenia, to begin before the expiration of the ultimatum;
- 5.—Full respect for Hungarian property.

Before the expiration of the ultimatum at 10 o'clock, Hongkong time, Hungarian troops began to pour across the frontier.

Simultaneously, according to broadcasts from Chust, Ruthenian capital, a demand was made for the immediate withdrawal of Czech troops.

German radio reports announced that the advance of Hungarian troops into Ruthenia was proceeding apace, and the Hungarians were reported at 11 a.m. to have occupied Svalava, north of Munkacs.

BORDER FIGHTING

In an effort to impede the Hungarian advance, Czech troops blew up the railway line between Salank and Feketeptak, south-east of Munkacs.

Hungarian troops, as they crossed the frontier, were attacked by Czechs with machine guns and hand grenades. The Hungarians returned the fire.

Skirmishes also occurred between Czech infantry and armed Slovak civilians who sought to prevent the occupation of the important railway junction at Dubna Skala.

An official News Bulletin issued in the Hungarian capital reported that Hungarian troops had reached Svalava, the most important railway centre in Ruthenia.

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FULL DETAILS OF OCCUPATION: WITHDRAWAL OF CZECH FORCES

BUDAPEST, MAR. 14.

HUNGARY'S ULTIMATUM TO PRAGUE, DEMANDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF CZECH TROOPS FROM RUTHENIA, AND THE RELEASE OF HUNGARIAN PRISONERS IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA, EXPIRES AT 2 A.M. G.M.T., (10 A.M. H.K.T.).

Before the ultimatum expired, however, troops were on the move.

An earlier report from Berlin stated that well-informed circles there generally believed that German troops were ready to march into Czecho-Slovakia during the night.

The figure of 14 divisions was mentioned, but no official or reliable confirmation of this was forthcoming.

Why Armies March

RUTHENIA, an autonomous province inside the Czecho-Slovakian Republic, was Hungarian territory for 1,000 years until the end of the war.

Part of its 4,800 square miles, including Ushorod, the capital, and many of its 725,000 people were restored to Hungary by the Italo-German arbitration award in Vienna on November 2 last.

But both Poland and Hungary want Ruthenia restored to Hungary so that the two countries will have a common frontier.

Germany, on the other hand, wants an independent Ruthenia and Slovakia in order to provide an effective bulwark against Soviet Russia. If Ruthenia or Slovakia gain independence, they will effectively cut off the Czechs from Russia, and the Czechs will be then entirely at the mercy of a ring of hostile nations.

That is why the present situation is causing grave anxiety in Europe.

O.S.K. Plan New Service

Osaka, Mar. 15. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha (O.S.K.) has decided to open a monthly regular through steamship service between Japan and the Philippines in the middle of April.

The Takao Maru, 4,800 tons, will be employed on the new route. Stops will be made at Osaka, Kobe, and Nagasaki in Japan and Manila, Cebu and Davao in the Philippines.

The fate of the Czechs was sealed with the visit to Berlin of President Hacha and M. Chvalovsky, who were received by Herr Hitler, in the presence of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop and Field-Marshal Hermann Goering.

The whole country seethed with rumours of troop movements. It is said that altogether, 40 divisions are in position for potential mobility, while 14 divisions were detailed for possible immediate action.

Two motorised divisions are reported to have left Breslau for the southern Silesian frontier, and large sections of the Berlin-Vienna motor road is closed to civil traffic.

Nazi motor corps—a motorised semi-military organisation—left Munich for the frontier.

CZECH TROOPS blew up the railway line to-day between Salank and Feketeptak, south-east of Munkacs in order to check the advance of Hungarian troops.

Hungarian border troops were attacked by Czechs with machine guns and hand grenades. The Hungarians returned the fire.

Czech forces, attempting to cross the demarcation line near Barkazo were repulsed by Hungarians, who suffered two wounded.

The Czechs have arrested two prominent leaders of the Hungarian Party in Slovakia, Count Michael Csanaky, and his brother, Count August Csanaky.

A Berlin report says that one German was killed and six wounded at Slungem in the Igau district of Moravia, when Czech police fired on German demonstrators who were protesting against the arrest of local German leaders.

A Communist mob stormed the homes of numerous Germans in Pilsen, demolishing furniture, and maltreating the inmates. Four were seriously injured.—Trans-Ocean.

SKIRMISH NEAR DUBNA

Vienna, Mar. 14. Strong detachments of Czechs with tanks and heavy artillery were seen this afternoon on the road across the Tatras mountains from Sillein to Vratky, advancing eastward on Slovakia.

A Warsaw message says that it is officially announced that Polish military detachments on the Polish-Slovakian frontier are on high alert.

LATEST

Germans March Into Republic

Berlin, Mar. 15. Informed quarters understand that Dr. Hacha, the Czech President, following his three-hour interview with Reichsfuehrer Hitler last night, has complied with the German demands in toto.

The German Fuehrer was understood to have expressed complete satisfaction at the outcome of his conversations with President Hacha. The interview began at 1 a.m. and continued until 4.10 o'clock this morning.

Meanwhile, a Prague dispatch says that the Czech Defence Ministry announced at 4.30 o'clock this morning that German troops started marching into Czech territory at 6 o'clock this morning (2 p.m. H.K.T.) to occupy the districts of Bohemia and Moravia.—Domet.

Helen Wong Case: Amah Discharged

The case in which Chan Fa-yuen, 52, married woman, was charged with exercising control over a prostitute, on January 26, was completed before Mr. P. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this afternoon, when judgment was given. Defendant was discharged.

Another woman, Wong Chat-mui, who was similarly charged, was discharged after evidence was given by the prosecution on Monday.

The case of a 5-year-old American-born girl, Helen Wong, while the principal witness for the Crown was a person known as "Mr. X."

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Further Late News

R. A. Captain Sentenced

THE SENTENCE of the Court Martial on Captain D. L. S. Northcote, of the Eighth Heavy Regiment of Artillery, who was accused of striking Bombardier J. S. Whitehead, has been promulgated.

Capt. Northcote has been sentenced to the loss of one year's seniority.

During the Court Martial it was alleged that Captain Northcote struck the bombardier on the mouth while his arms were held by other soldiers. Captain Northcote pleaded Not Guilty. He admitted fighting with Whitehead but denied hitting him while his arms were held.

DEFENCE 'DICTATORS' ARE ALREADY CHOSEN

And They Are Not Civil Servants

IT is understood that ten of Britain's twelve defence dictators have been chosen.

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The Defence dictators will have wide powers of control in their own areas.

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If, during war, communication with central headquarters is cut off, they will have complete control as the authorised Government representatives.

Girl Tames Red Fox

Boston. Seven-year-old Gladys Turner has for a pet a red fox, captured only four months ago by two hunters in nearby woods. So tamed is the fox now that Gladys takes it for a daily walk—on a leash—along Main street.

Ticket Fund

Philadelphia. The will of Mrs. Emma Schubert Brister, harpist and only woman member of the Philadelphia Amateur Orchestra which preceded the Philadelphia Orchestra, bequeathed \$2,000 to the orchestra, the income to be used to purchase concert tickets for music students.

M.P.s Call For Ban On Dog Fights

M.P.s are to make a determined effort to put a stop to the scandal of secret dog fights which are being held regularly on lonely moorlands all over Britain.

Sir Robert Vaughan Gower, M.P. for Gillingham and head of the R.S.P.C.A., and the National Canine Defence League, was recently planning the campaign from his sick-bed in Tunbridge Wells. He will raise the matter in the Commons.

Among the M.P.s who will support him are Sir Cooper Rawson, Sir Thomas Moore, Mr. H. C. Williams and Mr. A. A. Somerville.

Mr. R. H. Johns, assistant secretary of the National Canine Defence League, told how valuable dogs are torn to bits in organised fights and of the elaborate precautions taken to keep the "meets" secret.

"Big money—sometimes £10—is gambled on the result of the fights," he said.

"They are usually held on the moorlands, and a 14ft. square pit is used."

"The home of dog-fighting is in Staffordshire, but others are held regularly on the Sussex Downs, in Dorset, and round Plymouth."

"The dogs used are specially trained terriers, born fighters. Some of them are given forceful names such as 'Jack the Ripper' and 'The Killer.'"

Sometimes, added Mr. Johns, a dog



When John Blunden of the "Daily Mail" was home and becomes Mrs. Dick Powell, delight of her life is her young son, Norman Scott Powell, 4, who gazes at her, above, with a "You're telling me" air. He is the son of her former husband, George Barnes, but was adopted by Powell after their marriage.

was so badly injured that it was thrown into a river to hide traces of the "meet."

Knocking "Chunks" Off The Atom

SCIENTISTS at Cambridge and Liverpool who are busy these days smashing atoms, looked up recently from their work of destruction to note that Columbia University physicists have just split an uranium atom "to cause the largest terrestrial conversion of mass into energy on record."

What does it all mean—and where is it leading?

Even the scientists don't know. The Columbia experiment simply marks one more stage in atomic research and the confirmation of certain other experiments carried out in Berlin.

U.S.A. EXPERIMENTS

"The only practical application of this research that we can see at present is to certain fields of clinical medicine," Dr. J. D. Cockcroft, one of the two men who in 1932 shared the honour of splitting the atom, said.

With atom smashing apparatus radium action iodine, iron and sodium have been produced, and in America these substances are being used for the experimental treatments of cancer, anaemia and other diseases.

Experts here are experimenting with these substances, but doctors have not yet applied them to clinical treatment on this side of the Atlantic.

"BIGGER CHUNKS"

Scientists in the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge, where the atom was smashed by Dr. Cockcroft, were working on the uranium atom when news came that it had been split at Columbia University.

"So far, it has been possible only to split little bits off the uranium atom by bombarding it with neutrons," explained Dr. Cockcroft. "Now it seems that you can split it into much bigger chunks."

The New York Correspondent states that a huge piece of apparatus weighing 75 tons was used to split the uranium atom.

The Columbia professors found they had released two atomic "cannon balls" each containing the tremendous energy of one hundred million electron volts. The remarkable point was the low energy needed to produce such fantastic results. Earlier experiments in Berlin were carried out by Professor Otto Hahn, of Berlin, and Dr. L. Meitner, a woman physicist who is working in Sweden now because she was expelled from Germany for racial reasons.

"Ideal Secretary" To Wed

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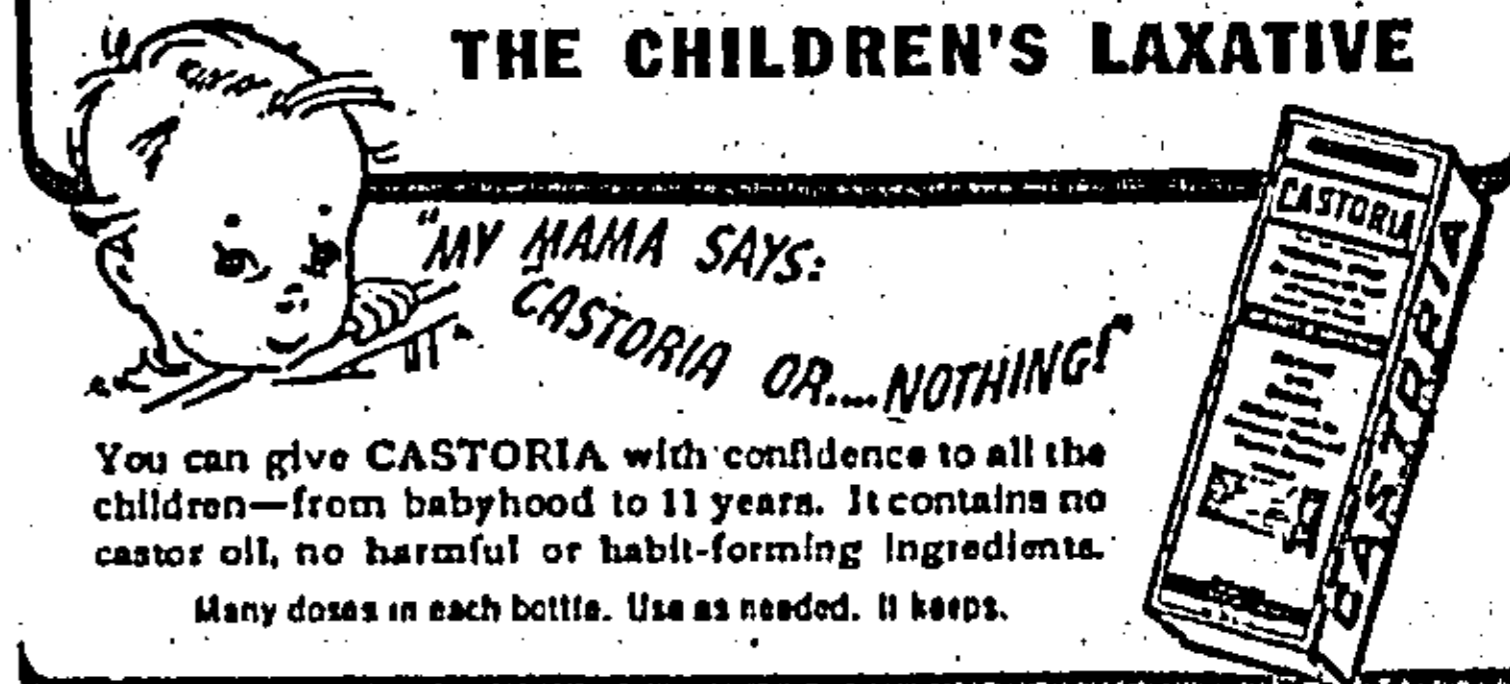


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NEW BRITISH NOTE TO THE JAPANESE

LONDON, Mar. 14.
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT is considering a new protest to Japan on the basis of information, presumably disclosed by the secret service, alleging that pro-Japanese elements in Tientsin had created a special organisation for the perpetration of terrorist acts inside the foreign concessions. —Reuter.

RELIEF IN CHINA Growth Of British Fund Shown

LONDON, Mar. 14.
PRESIDING AT the general committee meeting of the British Fund for the relief of Chinese distress, the Earl of Donoughmore announced that since the fund was opened on October 1, 1937, subscriptions totalling £177,338 had been received.

For the past six weeks, money had been coming in at an average of over £1,000 a week. Administrative expenses in England were only a trifle over two per cent.

Dr. H. G. Thompson, the secretary of the fund, pointed out that in addition to money, the fund had received many valuable gifts, including several tons of other and chloroform, £1,000 worth of stainless steel surgical instruments from Sheffield manufacturers, and over 2,000 bales of clothing, which had been shipped to China.

He also mentioned the great value of free transportation which had been given by shipping companies, the cost of which would otherwise have eaten deeply into the fund. —Reuter.

Ruthenian Govt. Reconstructed

Prague, Mar. 14.
It is officially announced in Chust that the Ruthenian Government has been reconstructed.

Father Voloshin remains Premier, and M. Julian Reay, who was dismissed from office by Prague, becomes Foreign Minister.

An official communiqué states that M. Reay is at present in Germany "defending the interests of his country."

The Czech General Prehara, Minister of the Interior, has been relieved of his office.

The new Government is described as provisional, and it is generally thought here that Ruthenia will place itself under German protection. —Reuter.

City Death Leap

After injuring two of his fellow folds with a chopper, Li Yut, aged 39, jumped to his death from the second floor of the Chung-Woo firm, in Bonham Strand East, this morning about 2 o'clock.

It is learned that Li woke up this morning and went into the kitchen, and came out with a chopper. He then started to attack the other employees sleeping there. When some of the men heard cries, they got up, and saw Li jump off the verandah. The injured men were removed to the Queen Mary Hospital.

LONDON, Mar. 14.
IN A WRITTEN REPLY in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler said no reply had been received by the British as to the measures adopted by the Japanese authorities against the British concession in Tientsin.

The acting Consul-General had interviewed General Homma, the Japanese military commander on March 6, when the whole position was reviewed, and General Homma undertook to discuss the matter with the Japanese Consul-General to enable the Consul-General to reply. Representations were made to the Japanese Government, it was understood, also by the French and American Ambassadors.

"APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS" Questioned as to British action with the introduction of the new Japanese currency regulations in North China, Mr. Butler answered: "Appropriate representations are being made to the Japanese Government, but I am unable to make a detailed statement at the present."

"Reuter" learns that the British, French, and American notes to Tokyo regarding the currency and other trade restrictions, are couched in vigorous language.

It is understood that business came to a standstill on the first day of the new regulations. Many Japanese concede the inconvenience and virtual impossibility of the situation.

No official reports of the resulting effects have been received, but it is believed that the military, who forced through the new arrangement, will have to abandon their position sooner or later. —Reuter.

Boeing Trip Delayed

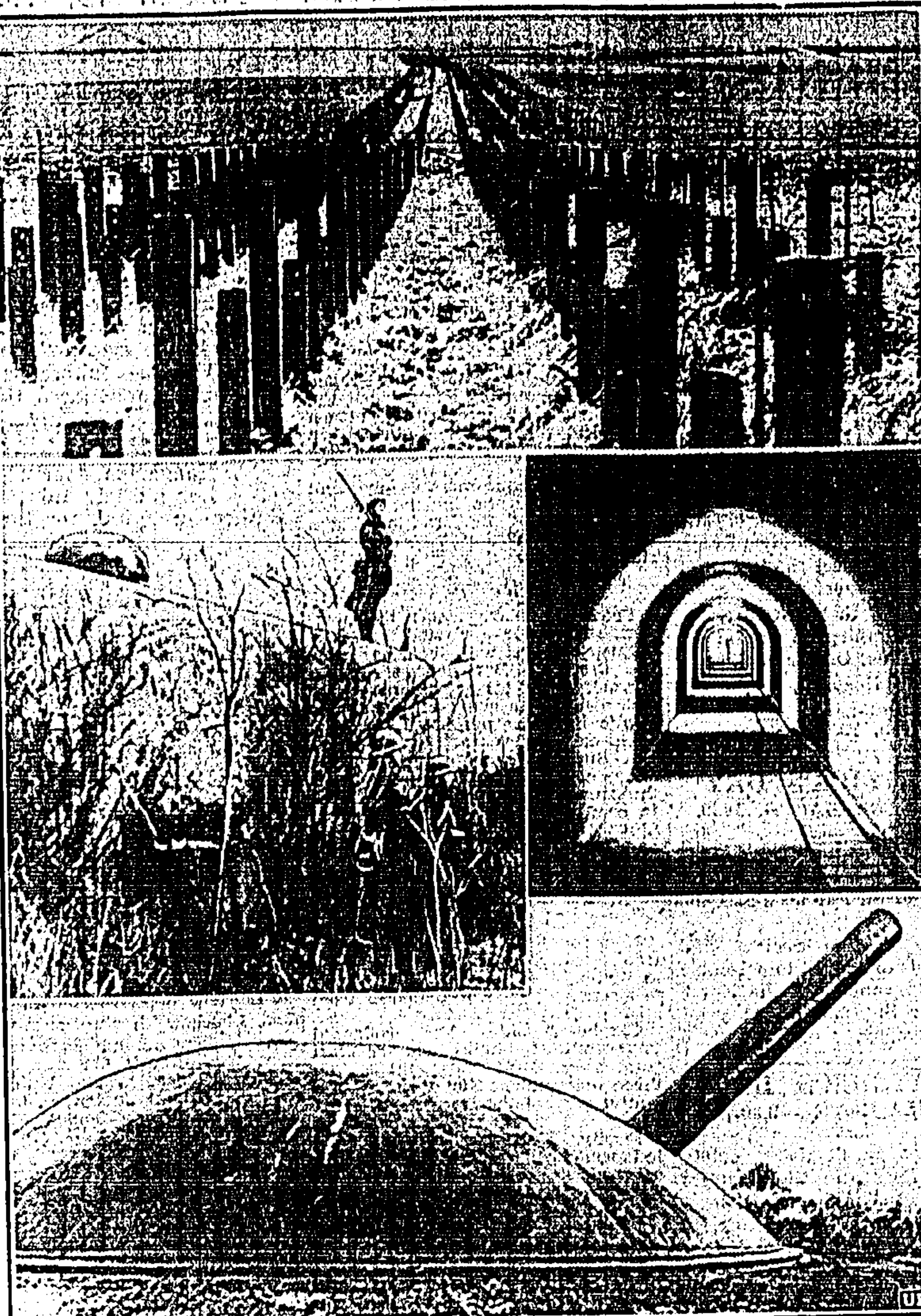
THE DATE of the first passenger flight of the 40-ton Boeing Clipper, which was scheduled to leave San Francisco for Hongkong to-day, has been postponed to March 29.

On the return flight from Hongkong to San Francisco, the new Clipper was delayed two days by mid-Pacific weather conditions, and did not arrive at San Francisco until Monday. This arrival date does not allow sufficient time for the U.S. aeronautics authorities to present their formal report to Washington authorising commencement of regular passenger service by to-day.

PHILIPPINE CLIPPER

Among the passengers arriving by the Philippine Clipper this week are Mr. Irving St. John, Col. Nelson Spencer and Dr. Eric Liljencrantz. They are through passengers from the United States.

LONDON, Mar. 14.—A truce agreement was signed at the Chinese Embassy this afternoon. —Reuter.



While the God of War grins and European nations rush to arms, Belgium prepares to defend herself against a violation similar to that of 20 years ago. A vast network of defences now stretches along her eastern frontier from the Alps to the sea. These pictures, taken by special permission of Belgian Army Headquarters, illustrate her preparedness. Top, barbed wire entanglements and tank traps along the frontier, which has been mined. Left centre, sentries at a blockhouse in the line. Right centre, interior of one of the tunnels that stretch for miles under the frontier. Bottom, heavy artillery gun emplacement.

BRITISH TRADE DECLINE

LONDON, Mar. 14.
UNITED KINGDOM exports in February were valued at £38,052,216 compared with £37,558,722 a year ago.

Imports amounted to £65,515,512 against £75,793,898. The value of imports is lowest for any month for more than two years.

Re-exports last month were valued at £4,772,323 as against £5,527,700 in February, 1938.

For the first two months of the year the fall in the value of imports

Rush To Join R. A. F.

LONDON, Mar. 14.
Royal Air Force numbers are steadily rising, 809 recruits joining during the past week as against 283 in the same week last year, bringing the total acceptance of pilots, observers, airmen and boys since April 1, last, to 32,870—as against 15,120 for the corresponding period last year. —British Wireless.

compared with the corresponding period of 1938 is nearly £20,000,000, while the decline in exports is just over £1,000,000. —British Wireless.

HUNGARY TO ANNEX RUTHENIA

Announcement In Budapest

BUDAPEST, Mar. 14.
Hungary intends to annex Ruthenia, it was declared here this evening in authoritative quarters. This intention is clearly phrased in the following official declaration by the Hungarian Government: "In consequence of the omissions of the Prague Government, which are to-day ascertainable, conditions of the Munich agreement have not been fulfilled. The territorial revisions provided for in the agreement have also been violated. With the Slovak declaration of independence, the problem of the so-called Carpatho-Ukraine demands immediate solution. Hungary has always maintained the standpoint of the self-determination of peoples, and it is upon this standpoint that she has always demanded Carpatho-Ukrainian territory. The inhabitants of this district wish to return to Hungary. Thousands of appeals have been received by the Hungarian Government, all urging an immediate annexation of this territory to Hungary."

"Hungary also gazes longingly to the Carpatho-Ukrainian district, since the key to security of the country lies to some extent there. We do not understand, in this connection, mere security in a military form or a geographical viewpoint, but primarily that protection which the Ruthenian forests afford to the Hungarian watering system, and the low-lying plain district."

"Hungary cannot sit by, with folded arms, while a party representing a political minority exploits those forests which represent the only source of wealth of the country. These forests have offered resistance to this elements and human depredations for centuries, and have protected the Hungarian plains."

"The Carpathian forest district guarantees the existence of 10,000,000 Hungarians and Hungary will take care that this guarantee falls into her own hands, and thus acquires a new protection." —Trans-Ocean.

Mexican Oil Appropriations

Mexico City, Mar. 14.
Mr. Richberg, representing foreign oil interests in negotiations with the Government over the expropriations, had a conversation lasting an hour and a half with President Cardenas to-day, covering important topics. The conversations were then adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Richberg said that if conclusions were reached in the next two days, he would make a statement that would end many unfounded rumours.

He expects to leave for Washington next week, and if necessary, will return to Mexico. —Reuter.

Is it fair to give your child disagreeable laxatives?



Make sure of PLEASANT TASTE—GENTLE ACTION

No matter how carefully you watch your youngsters' food and see that they have proper rest and exercise—they will suffer occasional upsets which call for a prompt and thorough intestinal cleansing. Just remember this, advice your own doctor would give you: The right laxative for a youngster is a child's laxative—not something intended for grown-ups. When a child fights against taking such doses, he probably has good cause. The taste may be offensive, or the action harsh and disagreeable.

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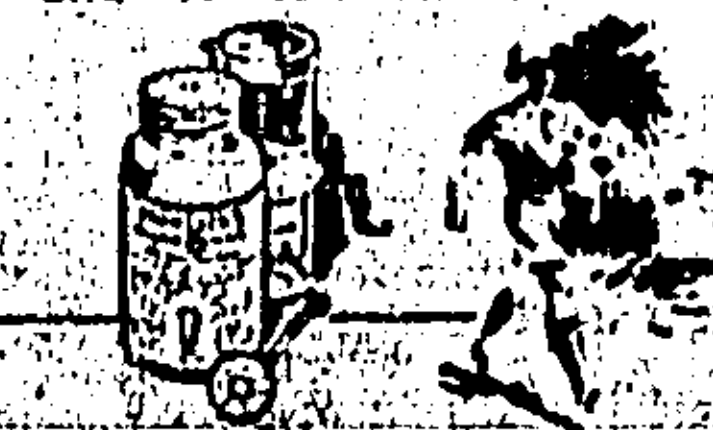
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CRISIS IN COMMONS

No Action By Britain Necessary

LONDON, Mar. 14.
ANSWERING A private notice question by Mr. Clement Attlee in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Neville Chamberlain made a statement on Czechoslovakia.

The Premier outlined the events up to this morning, and added that he had not yet received official confirmation of the most recent press reports regarding the resignation of the Czech Government, and the independence of Slovakia.

Mr. Attlee asked what action the British Government would take in view of the guarantee entered into regarding the territorial integrity of Czechoslovakia, and whether they intended to consult with the other guarantors and with Prague in the light of the present situation.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the question of any action had not yet arisen.

MORAL OBLIGATIONS
Sir Archibald Sinclair asked whether the Government still regarded itself under a moral obligation with regard to the guarantee.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the position in that respect had not undergone any change.

The Premier made no reply when asked by Mr. Wedgwood Benn, who was going to pay back the £200,000,000 which the Premier had issued to Czechoslovakia without Parliamentary authority.

Replying to a further supplementary question by Mr. Attlee, Mr. Chamberlain reminded the House that the guarantee was against unprovoked aggression against Czechoslovakia, and no such aggression had yet taken place.—*Reuter*.

HEALTH BULLETINS
Small-Pox Continues In Colony's Returns

Three cases of Small-pox, two each of Diphtheria, Chicken-pox and Dysentery, eight of Typhoid, 27 of Tuberculosis, 11 of Measles, and six of Meningitis, were reported on Monday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventeenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers, The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1939.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. The Old City Hall, Queen's Road C.

Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

BRITAIN PREPARES HER DEFENCES FOR THE NEXT CRISIS

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are now to have the telephone installed for such an emergency.

As long ago as November, 1936, food plans were initiated. In that month the Food (Defence Plans) department was set up by the Ministry of Agriculture to control the supply and distribution of food in war-time.

Ration cards for the staple foods, such as bread, meat, butter, sugar and tea, similar to those used in the world war, were printed months ago in millions. It is claimed under the new organisation long food queues will not be necessary.

The department has divided Britain into 18 divisions, with a food control committee in each town or district. These committees, mainly composed of local tradesmen, would have absolute power in an emergency. One thousand five hundred local officers have already been appointed.

It is estimated that the organisation could swing into action within 24 hours, and have the rationing scheme operating in three or four weeks, compared with six months in the world war.

In addition, the government is quietly hoarding essential commodities, such as wheat, sugar and whale oil. The granaries and warehouses are already bursting with sufficient supplies for at least six months. It is estimated.

SECRET PURCHASES

The government made their purchases secretly, through agents, in the open market. It was kept quiet so as not to raise prices, and also to prevent profiteering. Eventually, the government itself had to let the cash out of the bag, when, in order to obtain the money to pay for its purchases, it got parliament to pass the Essential Commodities Reserves Act in 1938.

It is claimed that if war broke out there would be sufficient supplies for everybody until a system of supplies from the Empire and elsewhere could get into operation.

For this purpose the merchant marine is being equipped with gun platforms and anti-mine paravans.

G. R.

1939-1940.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1939, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Ice, and other provisions and necessities, for the year ending 31st March, 1940.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the Royal Naval Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

G. V. HOBBS, Surgeon Captain, Medical Officer in Charge.

Royal Naval Hospital, Hong Kong.

15th March, 1939.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FRIDAY—17th MARCH, 1939.

A wreath will be laid at the Cenotaph by the President and Committee of St. Patrick's at 11.00 a.m.

Members of the Society and their friends are asked to assemble under the verandah at the North side of the Supreme Court prior to the ceremony.

ST. PATRICK'S BALL PENINSULA HOTEL—9.30 p.m.

Members of St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong and their guests are informed that there will be a Special FIVE MINUTES Service of "STAR" FERRIES from HONG KONG to KOWLOON between 9.00 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. on 17th March and SPECIAL FERRIES from KOWLOON to HONG KONG at 2.00 a.m., 2.45 a.m. and 3.15 a.m. on the following morning.

The last ordinary Ferry leaves at 1.15 a.m.

A BUFFET SUPPER will be served from 11.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Tables may be booked with the Management of the Peninsula Hotel before 7.00 p.m. on the night of the Ball.

Admission to the Ball is by ticket only which is to be presented at the MAIN ENTRANCE to the Hotel.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. P. J. A. Hamilton, Hon. Treasurer, P.O. Box 417 or Harbour View Hotel, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

B. H. C. HALLOWES, Hon. Secretary.

St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong. P.O. Box 417.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

gear. The naval estimates for 1939 will contain an item of £200,000 for this work.

The gun platforms are being built in the sterns of the ships only. All other European countries have them both fore and aft, thus affording them the opportunity to attack as well as defend.

On February 9, the Registrar-General, Sir Sylvanus P. Vivian, issued instructions to all local authorities to quicken their preparations for a census with a view to instituting a national register, if and when necessary, on very short notice.

A census normally takes one year to prepare, but it is expected that it will be possible to hold it this year, if necessary. The machinery should be ready within six months.

It will cost £250,000, and will need 14,000,000 forms and 50,000 enumerators and police officers. Ordinarily, the information derived from a census takes years to tabulate, but a national register could be drawn up from it in three months. A special act of parliament will be necessary to advance the date from the scheduled census year, 1941.

Full Details of Coup

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Ruthenia frontier are being strengthened.

Meanwhile, according to a Prague report, it is reliably learned that the Government has ordered the return of Czech troops from Ruthenia in compliance with the Hungarian ultimatum.

Another Prague message says that an appeal for calm in the present historic events in Bratislava, was broadcast from the Prague wireless station to-day.

BRATISLAVA QUIET

From Bratislava comes the news that, except for a number of steel-helmeted police, with fixed bayonets, the streets of Bratislava are fairly normal. No flags are flying. Work is largely at a standstill, and the public is rather perplexed by the rapid events.

A Budapest report says that a series of incidents have occurred on the frontier and within Ruthenia. In some cases, it is alleged, Czechoslovak troops have been involved, and Hungarians are alleged to have been ill-treated.

MARCH AT MIDNIGHT

Berlin, Mar. 14.

Nazi Sources predicted that German troops would enter Czechoslovakia at midnight to support M. Tiso, and to protect their own nationals from alleged Czech terrorism.

Czechoslovakia has collapsed under military threat, and the Nazi "march eastward" has split it into three independent States on the first anniversary of the seizure of Austria.

Firstly, Slovakia has proclaimed independence; secondly, Ruthenia in a broadcast proclaimed independence under military threat, and the Nazi and Moravia remain under Czech rule, but only through Nazi suzerainty.

Britain and France maintained a "hands-off" policy and Italy applauds as Herr Hitler forces the "co-operation" of Prague.

40 CASUALTIES

Bratislava, Mar. 14.

It is unconfirmedly reported from Chust that Czech troops killed approximately 40 Ukrainians and wounded many more while attempting to suppress independence demonstrations to-day.—*United Press*.

CZECHS CAPITULATE

Prague, Mar. 15.

It was officially announced early this morning that the Prague Central Government has acceded to the Hungarian demands for the quickest possible withdrawal of Czech troops from Ruthenia.

The Czech Government has instructed General Prchal to discuss the necessary measures with the Ruthenian authorities. At the same time it is reported that the Ruthenian quarters that General Prchal has left Chust. It is rumoured that the General fled to Rumania.

The Carpatho-Ukrainian Government has convoked the Diet for to-day in order to put the Anschluss to Hungary to the vote.

An official Czech manifesto, issued over all radio stations on Tuesday night, also declared that the Prague Government will also concede to all German demands. The manifesto declares that historic and geographic unity binds the Czech state with the realm of the German Reich, and that this has been recognized by the President, Dr. Hacha.

ANSCHLUSS NEGOTIATIONS

Hust, Mar. 14.

The Foreign Minister of the new independent Ruthenian Government, M. Reva, will communicate with the Hungarian Government during the night. It was officially stated here, in order to ascertain whether the Hungarian offer of January 29 is still valid. This offer, it is recalled, referred to Hungarian proposals for greater autonomy for Ruthenia under Hungarian rule than it enjoys at present as part of the Czech Federal State.

This inquiry marks the first overt act, it is declared, for a voluntary Anschluss of Ruthenia to Hungary.—*Trans-Ocean*.

GERMAN TROOPS WELCOMED

Moravian-Ostrau, Mar. 14.

The occupation of Moravian-Ostrau by German troops began at 5.30 p.m. Police headquarters and the town-hall were first occupied. Police and officials were disarmed and detained. Czech troops had already left town and the whole industrial district, which forms the narrow silt between German and Polish territory.

At 6 p.m. further German troops crossed the Oder bridge which forms the frontier between Germany and Czechoslovakia, and disarmed the Czech customs officials and police, who did not attempt any resistance.

With armoured cars the troops quickly proceeded to Silesian Ostrava which adjoins Moravian Ostrau and from there to the Czech-Polish frontier at Michaelkovics.

Shortly after 8 p.m. further German troops reached Moravian-Ostrau where they were given a rousing welcome by the German inhabitants who had assembled before the German Club.

At the same time the industrial centre of Vitkovics, situated only a few kilometres further south, which contains large blast furnaces and iron foundries, was occupied by German troops.—*Trans-Ocean*.

GERMAN TROOPS MARCH IN

Paris, Mar. 14.

Officials at the Quai d'Orsay state that they have heard reports that

DISMEMBERMENT OF CZECH REPUBLIC

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At the same time the Hungarian Foreign Office spokesman denied that the Hungarian forces had occupied territory inside the 25-mile demarcation zone. He claimed that the Hungarian position was in accordance with the Note of January 11, which stated that the Hungarians, in the event of further Czech attacks, would pursue the attackers beyond this line.

The peaceful occupation of Ruthenia was made possible when, at 11 a.m., the Czech Government announced that all Czech troops were being withdrawn.

ANSCHLUSS WITH HUNGARY

Hungarian demands for Ruthenian autonomy were also acceded to. Immediately this announcement was made, preparations were made in Chust, the Ruthenian capital, for the convocation of the Diet.

JAPANESE ACTIVE ON HAINAN IS.

Shanghai, Mar. 15.

The Japanese marine forces garrisoning Alishan on the southwestern coast of Hainan Island have occupied Kuo-so and Lokio, two small towns west of Alishan, where remnants of Chinese troops have been mopped up, according to a communication issued by the Japanese Fleet Headquarters.

On Monday, Japanese naval aircraft bombed the Chinese positions at Lulchow opposite Hainan Island and Limchow in the south-western part of Kwangtung Province. Intense anti-aircraft fire was directed by the Chinese ground batteries in these areas but Japanese air forces suffered no losses.—*Domest*.

RECORD YEAR FOR HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS

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presented be adopted, and that the balance of \$1,154,327.55 standing to the credit of profit and loss account be appropriated as follows—

To pay dividend of 20 cents per share on 1,100,000 Shares \$ 220,000.00

To transfer to repairs and renewal account 85,000.00

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To carry forward to new account 317,550.44

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OTHER BUSINESS

In seconding the proposal Mr. P. M. Hodgson congratulated the management on the excellent position of the company and endorsed Mr. Harston's remarks regarding the managing director and the death of Mr. Bourne. The proposal was carried unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. J. T. Bagnall, seconded by Mr. C. C. Blake, Sir Robert Ho Tung was re-elected a director.

Mr. M. H. Lo proposed and Mr. H. Gittins seconded the reappointment of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming as auditors and the payment to them of \$3,300 in respect of extra services in connection with the registration of transfers of shares and control of the register of members. The proposal was approved.

Those present at the meeting were Messrs. J. Scott Harston (chairman), J. H. Taggart (managing director), E. M. Raymond and M. K. Lo (directors), P. H. Suckling (manager) and F. C. Barry (secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. E. O. Murphy, N. V. A. Croucher, H. Gittins, J. P. Sherry, J. T. Bagnall, G. A. Harriman, S. H. Ross, P. M. Hodgson, T. L. Parsons, Wong Nam-ching, A. J. Edgar, C. C. Blake, J. H. Potts, and Fung Kwok-wa.

German troops have occupied the steel basin and communications centre of Mahrtschostrau, while the Hungarians have penetrated into Ruthenia, and have progressed 25 kilometres along the Slovak border, expecting to make a junction on the Polish border to-morrow.

Prague reports also state that German troops and S.S. formations with tanks have crossed the frontier and occupied Mahrtschostrau and Radwamitz, roughly at 5 p.m. to-day, and are marching through both towns into Slovakia.

It is reported that German troops have also crossed the frontier at two other points.

It is also stated that the Prague Government has formed a provisional Cabinet until Parliament meets to-morrow to decide the future of Ruthenia. M. Voloshin in a broadcast from Chust said that until the convening of Parliament, the Government will not undertake steps to make Ruthenia independent.

A Warsaw message says that the Hungarian Legation informed "United Press" that Hungarian troops were advancing across Ruthenia and have reached a point 15 kilometres from the Polish border, where they had halted for a rest, and would resume the advance to-morrow.—*United Press*.

AREA NOW IN GERMAN HANDS

Prague, Mar. 14.

It is officially stated that German troops have occupied the major part of the industrial district of Moravian Ostrau, having advanced to Misteck, which lies only 20 miles south of the town.

The occupation of Moravian Ostrau was carried out without incident, the Czech militia having withdrawn. The entire city is now in German hands.—*Trans-Ocean*.

The Diet will at once consider the measures necessary for an immediate Anschluss (union) with Hungary, to which country the Czech province belonged before the Great War.

Events elsewhere in Czechoslovakia also moved rapidly. As exclusively reported yesterday, the Czech Government acceded to Herr Hitler's demands for complete independence for Slovakia, and confirmation of this report was made this morning by the Prague Radio Station, which announced that Slovakia had severed all bonds with the Republic.

MARCH INTO SLOVAKIA

At midnight, however, German troops began to occupy the border cities of both Slovakia and Moravia.

Official Czech quarters confirmed that Mahrtschostrau, in Moravia, had been occupied and that the German forces were advancing on Misteck.

Ostrau, another Moravian centre, was occupied at 9.40 p.m. (5.30 a.m. H.K.T.), the German minority giving the invaders a hysterical welcome.

With the later occupation of the entire Silesian Ostrava and Moravian Ostrau areas, one of the richest industrial centres of Czechoslovakia fell into German hands. Towns occupied included Vitkovice, which contains the largest blast furnaces and iron foundries in the dismembered Republic.

GERMANS MOVE IN

As the occupation of Moravia was being completed, German S.S. troops were also marching into Slovakia. Mahrtschostrau and Radwamitz were occupied at 5 p.m. (1 a.m. H.K.T.).

The German invasions were carried out without incident, the Czech troops withdrawing in orderly manner, in obedience to instructions from Prague.

Poland may dispute with Hungary the possession of Ruthenia, the Poles claiming the northern section of the province being Polish territory.

To back up this claim, it is reported that arrangements have been made for Polish troops to meet this morning at Sianki and Lawenzne, Polish towns on the Ruthenian frontier, and at Uzek and Sketarsky, on the Slovakian frontier.

Historical Necessity

EVENTS TO-DAY moved so swiftly that European opinion has scarcely had time to crystallise, and the British views expressed to-night, merely emphasised Mr. Chamberlain's statement to Parliament this afternoon, that the British attitude was one of complete neutrality.

There is no disposition in Britain to exaggerate the seriousness of an admittedly serious event; indeed an optimistic leader-writer in to-night's "Evening Standard" suggests that the "end of federal Czechoslovakia does not increase the risk of general hostilities in Europe, or indeed, put any fresh obstacle in Mr. Chamberlain's path."

French opinion appears to be identical with the British. "Reuter" reports from Paris show that opinion there is "calm, but not complacent," the latest developments being regarded as a regrettable aftermath to Munich.

It was not believed that Hitler intended to annex Czechoslovakia in view of his repeated declarations that he does not want foreigners within the German frontier.

In Polish circles, some confusion appears to prevail, since the events have not yet revealed whether Poland has cause for uneasiness or rejoicing. Berlin opinion is probably fairly represented by to-night's "Angriff," which comments that "the collapse of Czechoslovakia has become an historic necessity."

In Budapest, the official spokesman told "Reuter" that an ordered Government in Ruthenia was a "life insurance" for Hungary. It is believed

that at the back of the Hungarian mind is the conviction that once Czech soldiers are removed from Ruthenia, the inhabitants will throw themselves into the arms of the Hungarians, without waiting for a plebiscite.—*Reuter*.

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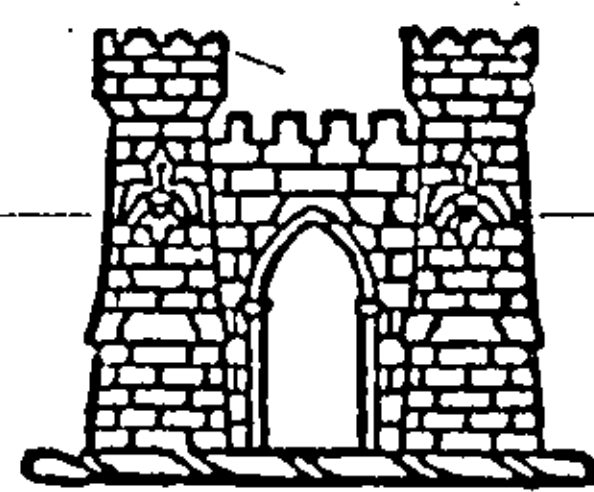
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Italy's Claims

ITALY tells France and Great Britain that her dispute with France will be settled by diplomatic means and not by the sword.

What does that mean? If the verbal promise, which will be confirmed later this week in official Notes, is what "United Press" will have us believe, it means that one of Europe's greatest dangers has been removed.

Mussolini is a dictator who keeps his word. If he says the sword will remain sheathed, there will be no war between France and Italy in settling a territorial grudge that has lasted since the Italian kingdom came into existence in 1860 under the the House of Savoy.

What is the basis of Italy's claims?

She claims that in 1858 she made a deal with Napoleon III, of France, whereby, in exchange for French help in driving the Austrians out of the northern Italian provinces of Lombardy and Venice, she should concede to France the Commune of Nice and the Duchy of Savoy.

This Italy did, but Napoleon signed the treaty of Villafranca with the Austrians when only Lombardy had been captured. Venice—that prize to be matched only with the Nice that the Italians had ceded—was left in Austrian hands.

That is the basis of the Italian claim to these two parts of France. Of Tunisia, she says this was her first effort in African colonisation when she began to feel her feet as a Mediterranean Power.

All went well until 1881, when France, who was colonising the neighbouring territory of Algeria, sent a punitive expedition to quell native rebels. The rebels retreated to the hinterland of Tunis, whereupon the French marched into Tunisia, occupied the whole territory, and declared it to be a French protectorate.

That constitutes Italy's claim to Tunisia. To-day, she says, the rigorous French laws still discriminate against the predominantly Italian population of Tunis. French naturalisation laws in Tunisia are, perhaps, even more annoying to the Italians. These laws turn every Italian there into a Frenchman.

Corsica is make-weight in these claims.

There is one big flaw in Italy's claim. The acts she complains about took part at a time when every Power that had the money and guns to back its claims was grabbing pieces of the good earth. If Italy can claim land to which she feels she had some right eighty years ago, why not add a few claims for the seventeenth century. Why not go back to the early days of European history.

In which case, of course, Italy has solid foundation for claiming practically the whole of Europe, including the British Isles.

TWO of the most haunting lines in English poetry occur in a poem of which I know no other words, and which I have never been able to trace:—

They have cleared up the straw in the passage
And Life can begin again.

In other words, the removal was over. The old and the new furniture had settled down together in perfect amity. The re-arranged pictures had made friends with one another.

My old emerald carpet kissed with velvet passion the hem of my new jade-green curtains. Or am I writing like Beverley Nichols?

And the champagne curtains of my new dining-room went all right with my stock of beer. In short, I was "in."

A few days later it struck me that something was missing, and for a long time I could not decide what it was. Then it flashed across me. I wanted an inkstand.

INKPOTS, of course, I possessed galore, but I suddenly realised that what my soul longed for was the kind of thing which you see on the desk in the photographs of celebrities. You know the sort of thing—massive, antique, silver.

So I sallied forth and presently beheld what I was looking for, though it was vastly different from that for which I had been seeking. Reposing in the middle of the jeweller's window was something rather like a model of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Only, the dome was a clock, while the inkwells—one for black, and the other, capricious, joy, for red—were concealed in the two turrets. The materials employed were glass, ebony, and chromium plate and the price demanded was eighty-eight dollars and ninety-two cents.

DID I reflect that \$88.92 would refurbish my wardrobe for the imminent spring? Did I think of that sum in terms of a bit away for the rainy day?

Did I calculate how many kiddies for how many weeks could that sum obtain milk from the S.P.C.? Did I think of the refugees? No, I did not.

I decided that if \$88.92 represented my last cent, it must be spent upon the purchase of that inkstand. A hurried telephone communication revealed to me that that sum was standing to my credit in my bank, with the less pleasing information that it was very nearly my last cent.

Presently the miracle was borne off in triumph, together with a cut-glass tray for pen-holders, another for cigarette ends, and a wonderful contraption for manipulating sealing-wax. Also a virgin blotter, with glass edges. The miserable penny inkpot which had served me for years was removed, and the work of art installed.

My pen poised, I prepared to write an article worthy of the occasion. They say that a bad workman complains of his tools. I have never thought that a reason why a good artificer should have unworthy implements.

As I say, I sat waiting for inspiration to emerge from that noble piece of furniture in the way it has so often gushed from that other humble, supplanted vessel.

But nothing happened. For a period, ideas came but not the words in which to express them. This was succeeded by another period in which the words came, but without any backing of ideas.

THEN I discovered what was the matter. The inkstand was not silent. Its clock ticked damnable.

I took my inkstand back to the jewellers, and would they change it? They would.

They produced something like the Taj Mahal with cupolas for black, red, mauve, and green ink! It had no clock. It cost twenty dollars more.

This I bore off, and all the foregoing has been at the instigation of, I think, the third cupola. The mauve one. Yes, I am certainly writing like Beverley Nichols. Which I am extremely happy.

Idiotically happy. Life, which previously was empty, is now full.

I feel that if somebody were to offer me the real Taj Mahal I should refuse it. I regard with infinite contempt anybody who does not possess an inkpot modelled after the Taj Mahal and costing one hundred and eight dollars and ninety-two cents.

Let me put it another way. What piece of wild extravagance are you contemplating, but from committing which you are restrained by your prudence, some ingrained habit of economy, or even your wife?

Is it a new set of Mrs. With your chit at the club? Is it a four-fold card of straightened briars? Is it that radiogram?

If you are a woman, is it that shagreen handbag which will cause your dearest friends so much chagrin? Is it a hundredweight of salts at \$7.50 an ounce? Is it a pair of silk stockings so fine that they

It's Spring, so give yourself a treat . . .

OR
why I paid \$100
for an inkstand

can be drawn through the eye of a needle?

Is it a pair of shoes so high in the heel that they make your ankles precede your toes like a worn out cab horse? Lady, as Max Miller would say, I do not sympathise with your feminine folly. But I understand it.

"THRIEF" is an ugly word in a plain man's mouth. It is uglier still in the mouth of a pretty woman. It is a curmudgeonly word. It has about it the exhalations of old age.

It is to be used in connection with old-age pensions and building societies. It is the last hope of aged, annuitants. It is the passion of those who deny themselves in youth to have the things which in old age figures from one column into another, breaching the bread other to avarice and first cousin to meanness.

You cannot pronounce the word without wrinkling the nose. Yet it is an admirable quality, provided he who possesses it knows when to tell it to get out.

NEARLY all the happiness of life is in escape. The fortunate few who are artists may enjoy their work. But to the great majority work is not enjoyable, and it is rank humbug to pretend that it is.

There is not much fun in getting coal, emptying dustbins, window-cleaning, bus-driving, waiting on gaily and irritable club members, massaging the faces of obese dowdies, looking at billious tongues, fighting tedious lawsuits, showing a lot of sheep into cinemas, carrying from one column into another, breaching the bread other to avarice and first cousin to meanness.

The best thing that can be done

with the humdrum is to put the best possible face on it. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," says the Old Testament. But the New Testament says: "Man shall not live by bread alone." No—where are we told that by the sweat of his brow shall man keep his soul alive.

Further, the book of Ecclesiastes tells us that there is "a time to get, and a time to lose, a time to keep, and a time to cast away." Surely money is a thing to be got and lost, kept and cast away?

I hold no brief for extravagance, and to obey the second and fourth of Ecclesiastes' injunctions and disregard the first and third would be the height of extravagance. What I am advocating, dear reader, is to observe thrift in season, but to realise that, though a flower of virtue, it is one of those flowers which are entitled to be out of season.

IN other words, I am telling you that when you feel it necessary to let it rip, it is wise to let it rip. A stitch in time saves nine.

But you don't want a garment so covered with precautionary stitches that it becomes unrecognisable. When it is a case of rip or burst, I say rip. But do not rip too often.

That great man, Francis Bacon, said much the same things when he wrote: "A man ought warily to begin charges which once begun will continue; but in matters that return not he may be more magnificent."

What Bacon meant was that it isn't every day you kill a pig (or buy an inkstand). But that when we do so we ought to kill him, and buy it, handsomely!

Britain Prepares Her Defences For The Next Crisis III

SLOWLY BUT surely Sir John Anderson, Britain's unofficial Minister for Civil Defence, is putting his plans for the defence of Britain in the next war into effect.

His latest, and so far biggest, is free air-raid shelters for poor people.

Soon after he took office last November, Anderson announced that the government would buy £20,000,000 worth of steel and other material to build these shelters.

Now 10,000,000 people in Britain with incomes of not more than £5 (\$25) a week are able to have one just for the asking.

In his announcement Anderson indicated that the government believes that most danger in an aerial attack will come from explosive bombs. It is understood that the government does not now believe that gas-bombs will be used, at least, at first, and that the danger will therefore be from flying splinters, falling debris, and incendiary bombs.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the next

war Britain, for the first time in 900 years, will be in grave danger of armed invasion. In the past the navy kept her shores intact. The danger now is from the air. To meet this modern peril, Britain is organising her civil population. Every able-bodied man and woman will have a job to do. This series of articles tells the story of Britain's army of "passive defence", and of the hundred-and-one other ways in which Britain is preparing for war at home.

Anderson described the kind of shelter which is being built. It is made of galvanised corrugated sheets, weighs about eight hundredweight, and is 6ft.6ins. by 4ft.6ins. by 6ft. high. It will take the weight of any debris that may fall on it, and shelter four to six people. Sections can be added to shelter more. It is shaped something like the Nissen huts used in the world war.

According to the plan local authorities will visit householders to ask if they want a shelter. If the answer is yes, it will be delivered in sections. The householder can either store, build it up against a wall, or sink it in his back yard. But he must not sell it or give it away. It will remain government property.

FREE SHELTERS

The free shelters will be loaned to people with incomes of £250

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"There's been a terrible mistake—Mrs. Snodgrass has taken this box for the season."

United Press Staff Correspondent.

(£1,250) or under, unless they have more than two children, in that case the income limit goes up £50 for each additional child. They must live in houses with no basements, and of not more than two storeys.

Anybody else who wants one, must pay for it, but the government cannot yet say how they will cost.

Later on work will begin on turning bigger houses, blocks of flats and tenements and other buildings into fortresses by means of steel sheets, and structural support for basements.

Another of Anderson's more recent announcements was that from April 1, A.R.P. will be controlled by the police. Hitherto, local governments had the handling of it. Under the police, however, it is expected that the work will be better organised and co-ordinated.

Three other schemes, in which the government is directly interested, evacuation, food, and a national register.

EVACUATING DANGER ZONES

On February 9, the Ministry of Health announced a plan for evacuating danger areas with a total population of 17,500,000. The plan split England, Scotland and Wales into three groups: (1) Evacuation areas, (2) Neutral areas, and (3) Reception areas.

Evacuation areas, namely those from which the population would be moved—compulsory unless good reasons were advanced for staying—are: All London boroughs, Southampton, Portsmouth, Gosport, Chatham, Gillingham, Rochester, Birmingham, Smethwick, Liverpool, Manchester, Salford, Bootle, B.R. head, part of Walsley, Hull, Bradford, Leeds, Salford, Newcastle, Gateshead, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee.

Neutral zones, namely those which neither would be evacuated or used as reception areas, are: Parts of the counties of Cornwall, Derbyshire, Devonshire, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, Surrey, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Glamorgan and Monmouthshire.

Other areas, which are not listed as evacuation or neutral zones, and are, therefore, assumed to be reception areas, are: Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Cumberland, Dorset, Hereford, Huntingdon, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Rutland, Shropshire, Suffolk, Sussex, Westmoreland, Isle of Wight, Wiltshire, and all Wales, except Glamorgan and Monmouthshire.

Plans for actual evacuation are not yet formulated, local authorities in the reception areas, however, are making enquiries regarding billeting and available accommodation.

SCHOOL EVACUATIONS

If and when the time comes, it is assumed that children will be evacuated by schools, as was planned during the September crisis. For the adults, an elaborate transport plan is being drawn up, using train, motor-coach and lorry. All schools (Continued on Page 4.)

JAPANESE STILL THUNDERING AT SOVIET OVER FISHERY RIGHTS

Issued Stern Warning

Russia Must Assume Responsibility

TOKYO, Mar. 15. "IT IS hardly necessary to mention that the Soviet Government must assume responsibility for any consequences, should she finally reject Japan's reasonable requests and fail to agree to an amicable settlement of the fishery dispute."

This warning was issued today by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita. The Foreign Minister added that the Japanese Government was prepared to take the "most effective and adequate measures for safeguarding Japanese rights and interests."

"We will safeguard these interests with a firm determination in the worst eventualities," he declared. The Soviet action of fishery rights is scheduled to be held to-day.

Japan claims that Japanese rights were confirmed in the Treaty of Portsmouth in 1905, convention with which a fishery convention was concluded two years later.

A subsequent agreement expired on December 31 last, and Soviet Russia has refused to renew it. Fishery rights formerly enjoyed by the Japanese will be auctioned.

Recalling these facts in the Diet to-day, Viscount Inouye claimed that the Soviet action was unfair in that Soviet individuals who would participate would be mere instruments of the Soviet Government.

He asserted that the auctions had been designed to render Japanese fishery operations impossible, and denounced the Soviet for "its breach of faith."

"The Soviet apparently believe that the Japanese will never fight it out in connection with this incident," Viscount Inouye declared. "They are mistaken."

"The Japanese people will go to any length in handing down to their posterity their fishery rights in the northern waters, which they received from their forefathers as an heirloom."

"This point must be fully considered by the Soviet Union. The Japanese nation is obliged to take a firm determination regarding the fishery question, which affects the lives of some 20,000 Japanese fishermen,"—Domei.

Empress Passenger Robbed

MANILA, Mar. 15. POLICE as well as Customs officials are canvassing local jewelry dealers and pawnbrokers in an effort to trace \$14,000 worth of jewels reported to have been stolen from Mrs. L. H. Caine, a passenger aboard the Empress of Britain.

Police said that the robbery occurred shortly before the Empress of Britain docked from Hongkong, and that therefore they suspect the thief was a passenger.—United Press.

Earrings Snatched From Woman

While walking along Nan, Kok Road, last night, Liu Lam, 50, widow, had her pair of gold earrings snatched by Wong Kin-man, 47-year-old unemployed. Lam was arrested by a Chinese detective after a chase.

Before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Wong was sentenced to two months' hard labour, and ten strokes of the cane.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? tranquilly, tranquil, winable, still, windles, oilification, English-Oxford Dictionary. Spelling of these words will be found on page 8.

Painful News For Japan's Taxpayers

TOKYO, Mar. 15. THE SECOND supplementary Budget for the year 1939-40 will be submitted to the Diet to-day. It provides for the expenditure of 109,440,000 yen, the par value of the yen being about equal to that of the Hongkong dollar. The new bill represents the last addition to the budgets for the coming fiscal year. They include the expenditure of 4,005,000,000 yen for Extraordinary Military purposes and 4,804,543,000 yen for the ordinary appropriations. With the new addition the total will be 9,409,500,000—the greatest appropriation the Japanese taxpayer has ever had to face. The Japanese expenditure for 1939-40 will now be as follows:

General Budget	3,604,000,000 yen
National Defence	910,543,000 yen
Supplementary	109,332,000 yen
China Incident	4,005,000,000 yen

In order to meet the record deficit, the Japanese Government has decided to issue Bonds to the value of 5,925,000,000 yen. The new Supplementary Appropriations include the following:

Foreign Ministry	2,453,000 yen
Home Office	39,701,000 yen
Finance	50,058,000 yen
Army	10,000,000 yen

MORE CARNAGE AT ICHANG

Chastly Death-Roll In Latest Raid

SHANGHAI, Mar. 15. IT IS reliably reported that nine heavy bombers dropped about 50 bombs in a raid on Ichang yesterday, and casualties are estimated at 250.

An unconfirmed Chinese report says that the American Mission school was wrecked.—Reuter.

40 HOUSES DESTROYED

Chungking, Mar. 15. Ichang, Yangtze River port about 350 miles above Hankow, suffered another severe Japanese air raid yesterday, in which more than 100 civilians were killed and wounded.

Some 40 houses in the busy sections of the city were reduced to a shambles.

Altogether nine machines took part in the attack, raining a large number of missiles on the city and along the river bank. Many boats were blown to pieces and sunk. Scores of passengers and crew members were killed.

Lukioh, on the east bank of the Tungting Lake in north Hunan, was also raided by nine Japanese planes yesterday. More than 100 bombs were dropped, mostly landing in the lake.

Shan and Paochi in Shensi were attacked by 36 Japanese aircraft in different squadrons yesterday morning.

Five civilians are known to have been killed in both places. Many more are believed to be buried under the debris.—Central News.

HOSTILITIES ON POYANG LAKE

Fowling, Kiangsi, Mar. 15. After a long respite, hostilities resumed on Poyang Lake in north Kiangsi.

On the morning of March 13 two Japanese warships and two aeroplanes escorted about 300 Japanese troops to attack Pingfengshan, north-west of Tsuchang on the north bank of the lake. After several hours' fighting, the Chinese withdrew to a new defence line.

At midnight, three Japanese warships and four steam launches steamed near Tachishan, near Tsuchang and fired ashore.

The following day Japanese troops in the warships and steam launches attempted to land at Tachishan. They were repulsed.—Central News.

Cinderella Incident In Court

Shoes Fit, Man Is Set Free

A STORY on Cinderella lines, though without the romantic ending, was enacted at the Central Magistracy to-day.

A couple was charged with being in possession of a pair of shoes, believed to be stolen property.

"I bought them from a man in the street," he pleaded. "I decided later that I did not like them so I tried to sell them."

The shoes were duly produced before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest. To test the strength of the defendant's evidence, the magistrate ordered him to try them on.

He did so. And like the shoes of Cinderella, they were a perfect fit. The Happy Ending: Case Dismissed.

Kowloon Cookboy Missing

MRS. L. E. Lammert of No. 1 Chatham Road, has reported to the Police that her cookboy absconded yesterday, having obtained goods to the value of \$236 from a store in Kowloon. The alleged fraud is said to have extended over a period of three months, from January to March.

Bailiff And Dairy Owner In Court

Each Alleges He Was Assaulted

William Gordon Routley, land bailiff in the Public Works Department, and Wong Man-ming, owner of the Hing Lee Dairy, Kowloon City, were the principal figures in an adjourned summons and cross-summons case heard by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Routley was alleged to have assaulted Wong at his farm on February 15, and Wong was in turn accused of having opposed Routley with violence while he was performing his duty as a public officer.

Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios represented the complainant, while Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, appeared for Routley.

It was recalled that at a previous hearing Wong alleged that Routley had struck him on the chest and face and to have kicked him. Routley had accused Wong of having been abusive and of having struck him on the right eye with his fist.

This morning's proceedings included the re-examination of Routley who testified at a previous hearing.

Kam Chi-wing, said in evidence that he was the assistant of Routley and that he was with Routley when Wong's stream was about to be inspected. As they were walking towards the stream Routley remarked to Wong that his making a channel in the stream would result in other people's water being cut off.

Shortly after this continued witness, Wong became very angry and called Routley names. Routley requested him to stop.

Witness continued: "As Mr. Routley was turning around to speak, Wong hit out with his fist and struck Routley on the left eye. Mr. Routley was surprised, stepped back, and put his hands to his eye. Wong held a stick at that time and he struck Mr. Routley with it. Afterwards, Wong stepped down to pick up the stick as if to use it again, and Mr. Routley embraced him and they struggled."

Further hearing of the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

Suspected Propaganda In Hongkong

The five Chinese men arrested by the police at an address in Des Voeux Road last week, are still held under detention warrants.

Investigations are being made into propaganda with which the men are alleged to have been concerned. It is understood that the propaganda is of a Communist and anti-Japanese nature and not of a kind aimed against the local Government.

Recently copies of "Fighting", a Communist organ which was suppressed a few years ago, have made their appearance in the Colony's streets, again. It is distributed free to young Chinese having the appearance of being students. The last number contains articles by M. Trotsky.

RECORD YEAR FOR HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS

REFERENCE TO THE improved trading conditions last year was made by Mr. J. Scott Harston when presiding at the annual meeting to-day of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited. Mr. Harston reported satisfactory business in Hongkong, Shanghai and Peking, but revealed that the Company's claim for damages arising from the hostilities in Shanghai had not been met.

In his review of the year Mr. Harston said:

"In submitting for your consideration the accounts for last year, your board feel that the results therein depicted can rightly be viewed with satisfaction. The balance of working account, \$1,073,691.13, brought to the credit of the profit and loss account, compares with \$889,232.76 for 1937 and incidentally shows for the first time over a period of six years that time over a period of six years that this item has exceeded the million mark. All departments of our organization have contributed a quota to the attainment of this figure."

With regard to Hongkong establishments, the resident accommodation threat did not experience last year the heavy strain encountered during the year 1937, but marked increases in earnings were produced in our various grill rooms and cafes.

As to the Shanghai properties, I am pleased to state that the Palace Hotel upon completion of the reconstruction work there quickly resumed its popular status in the northern port and produces a satisfactory income. The Astor House Hotel remained in occupation by the Japanese Y.M.C.A. until December 31, and rental payments were made by the Association to the Company during the year sufficient in amount to cover what may be termed Landlord's outgoings, i.e. Shanghai Municipal Council land tax, insurance and certain repairs and renewals. As from the commencement of the year, however, the Astor House Hotel and its contents have been leased to another party for a term of three years at a rental which will produce a reasonable return to the company upon the assets utilised.

\$1,000,000 BALANCE

The hotel in Peking operated by our subsidiary company again showed excellent results. The last financial year which ended on June 30, 1938, was a record year in respect of that period, thus constituting a substantial increase over distributions occurring during recent years. The incidence of exchange, however, deprived this country of a substantial benefit in respect of its holding, for the relative Peking dollar sum received—shrank on conversion, as you will see from the accounts before you, from \$225,000.00 to H.K.\$18,970.87, which represents an increase of \$800 only over the pre-war year's income from that source. The net profit earned by the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. during the year under review amounting to \$310,607.08 represents an improved result of \$10,420.02 in comparison with the figure reported for 1937, and adding thereto the sum of \$343,720.47 brought forward from the previous year, a balance of \$1,154,327.55 is provided for appropriation. Other items included in the profit and loss account do not seem to require comment from me.

The balance sheet contains no item of an exceptional nature and is indeed self-explanatory. I would refer, however, to the changes in amounts shown, apart from the effect of depreciation, in regard to the listed assets. The additions to buildings appear at \$30,286.69. The main portion of this capitalised expenditure was incurred in respect of structural alterations to the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, made when reinstatement of the bombing damage was carried out, and the cost of the extension of the shop premises at the Peninsula Hotel, Hongkong, accounted for the remainder. The item of sales noted in the building account relates to the amount received from the contractor who carried out the demolition of the Peak Hotel property.

Additions to furniture and fixtures for the year amounted to \$106,410.50. The items included under this head are copious, and their allocation is spread over all establishments both here and in Shanghai; the furnishings for the new guest accommodation built at the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, and the provision of new carpets for our three Hongkong establishments constitute the major portion of such expenditure. All such installations I would state have been made in furtherance of our modernisation policy.

Turning to the liabilities side of the balance sheet, the repairs and renewals account, suffered depletion during the year by \$85,002.49, which sum was expended upon our various establishments in fulfilment of the purpose for which the repairs and renewals account was created. Steps have been taken throughout the year to carry out major renovation and maintenance work to buildings and contents where necessary, and also to install in various establishments new decorations and accommodation of a type now expected by hotel patrons. I can assure you that this policy has been thoroughly justified by results and has proved an important factor in producing the enhanced earnings it has been my pleasure to report to you. I feel confident that you will endorse the recommendation of your directors that out of the balance of

profit and loss account placed before you to-day for allocation, the amount recommended by your board be voted to the credit of this repairs and renewals account.

DAMAGES CLAIM UNSETTLED

From the chair last year reference was made to the company's claim for damages arising out of the hostilities in Shanghai. Assessment thereof, and lodgment with the proper authorities, was duly made by our Shanghai agents, but as you are probably aware, nothing has yet eventuated towards the acceptance of liability in respect of that type of claim. I would, however, mention, in that connection, that the net result shown in the accounts before you has been computed after making full provision for the losses which constitute the claim referred to.

At this juncture I desire to record an expression of sincere appreciation of the good work done by the company's staffs in Hongkong and Shanghai, and its agents in Shanghai as also in the case of the staffs of agents of our subsidiary company in Peking, all of whom have continuously directed assiduous efforts to the interests of the company in times of exceptional difficulty, in which relation (though I make reference to him) I particularly desire to point out that the eminently satisfactory results to which I have referred are in very great measure due to the foresight and energy of your company's managing director, who though suffering from ill-health during a considerable portion of the period under review, has not spared himself in safeguarding the company's interests. I feel that in so doing I will receive your hearty endorsement, and with reference to the company's staff I trust that you will ratify your directors' recommendation that as a token of appreciation a bonus of 10 per cent. on their salaries shall be voted to them in respect of 1938.

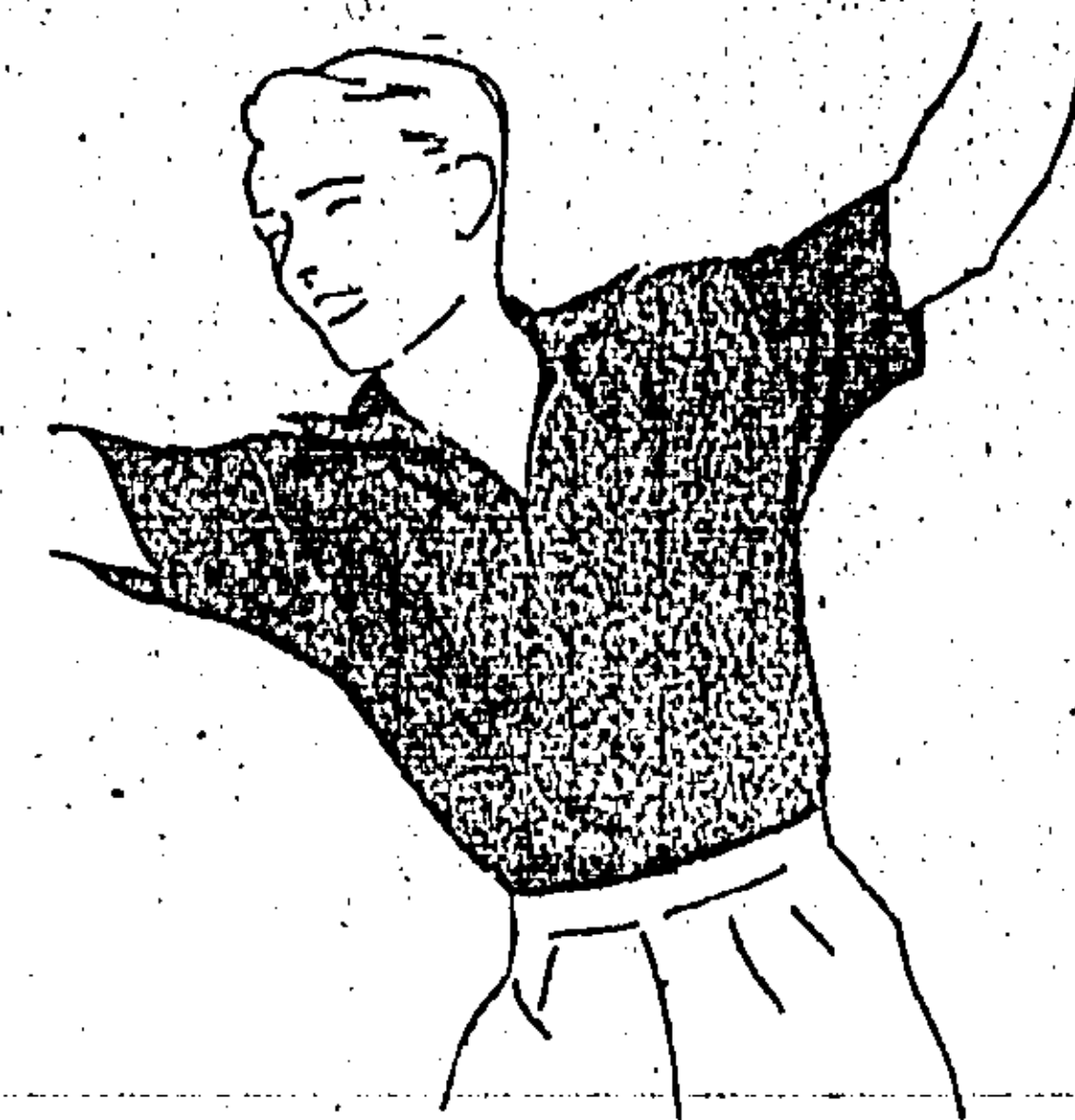
OLD SERVANT MOURNED

Before concluding my remarks on the accounts, I wish to make special reference to the death of Mr. J. P. Bourne, the news of which reached us only a few days ago. Mr. Bourne had been in the service of your Company ever since the year 1921. At the outset he held the position of general superintendent of the Hongkong Hotel and was in charge of the various alterations effected there in the course of the years 1922-1924. Later on he rendered yeoman service in connection with the erection and furnishing of the Peninsula Hotel where he remained as manager until the close of the year 1930. In 1931 he was transferred to Peking as manager and general superintendent of your hotel there (the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits). In that capacity he devoted himself wholeheartedly to the company's interests and was responsible for many of the improvements there. Under his aegis that hotel was, as far as possible, kept up to date.

Mr. Bourne was a man of a genial temperament, and very popular with all the company's employees and its guests. He had been in ill-health for a considerable period, but had bravely carried on with his duties until the week finally compelled to enter hospital where he passed away on March 5. By his death the company has suffered a very great loss. So far as we know Mr. Bourne possessed no immediate relatives here to whom we can convey our sympathy. For ourselves we feel that we have been deprived of a sterling character and a very valuable servant at a time when we can ill afford to lose him.

There appearing to be no further matters to which I can usefully refer, I now beg formally to propose that the report and accounts of the financial year ended December 31 as

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RUMJAHN COUSINS SUPPLY MORE THRILLS IN DOUBLES

Outplayed At First But Recover Well To Win

(By "Abe")

No greater compliment can be paid to the Rumjahn cousins, "S. A." and "H. D.," than to say that after 14 years of continuous partnership they are still as delightful to watch as they were in 1925 when, as mere striplings, they entered the Colony Tennis Championships together for the first time.

Then, they were fresh from their Club successes and were looking for new worlds to conquer. Since 1925 they have won every conceivable honour in local tennis; yet instead of interest in them being on the wane, it remains as warm as ever. The reason for this probably is that there is a quality in their play which keeps one's interest sustained, whether they are winning or losing.

Yesterday's programme in the current tournament provided another example of why the Rumjahn cousins still succeed in drawing the crowd. For the first time of their match against the Chinese R.C. pair, Lee Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk, they looked likely to be eliminated in the second round—a thing which has never happened during the 14 successive seasons in which they have participated in the doubles championship. But it turned out to be the same old story; they finally recovered to win by the old set.

WINNERS FORTUNATE

In some respects, it has to be admitted, the Rumjahns were fortunate yesterday. Half-way through their match, a slight drizzle began to fall, making the court very slippery; and the Rumjahns, being the more agile pair, were not affected to the same extent as their opponents, though the only player to fall was "H.D.," who did so while attempting to receive an acutely angled volley. Furthermore, the rain must have been a bother to Lu Tak-cheuk, who was wearing glasses. At any rate, it was evident that he did not play as well during and after the drizzle as he had done before.

The Rumjahns conceded the first set not because they played in a light-hearted manner, as they so often do, but because they were beaten by a pair who played the better tennis. Indeed so well were Lee and Lu playing in the first set that hopes of their causing an upset rose very high. The Chinese countered hard drives with magnificent volleys, and jobs with smashes which shattered the side-lines. While the Rumjahns imparted a great deal of speed and angle to his smashes and volleys, Lee was more varied and often caught the Rumjahns unawares with stop volleys and drop shots.

A GREAT FIGHT

However, they did not win the second set without a fight. Services were held until 3-3, when the Rumjahns broke through Lu's service. Sirdar reached 40-love on his service, but to the horror of the Rumjahns supporters, the C.R.C. pair won the next six points in a row to snatch the game, which meant that instead of having a lead of 5-3, the Rumjahns were chocky and official recognition for them broke through Lee's service and then "H.D." held his to win out in the tenth game.

SENSATIONAL RISE OF SAM SNEAD

Los Angeles, Feb. 20. Only three quick years removed from the obscurity of his native West Virginia Hills, swinging Sammy Snead won the Harry Vardon memorial trophy and official recognition as America's foremost professional golfer.

The slope-shouldered hill-country boy, named by experts as possibly the greatest man with a driver and a putter since the sport was invented, won the coveted title in a walkaway with 520 points or 141 more than the runner-up, Paul Runyan of White Plains, N. Y.

Additionally, he took prize money of \$10,534.40 or more than twice the sum of his nearest competitor in that field, John Revolta, or Evanston, Ill. The Vardon ratings were released by Fred Corcoran, tournament manager of the P. G. A., who said Snead's earnings constituted an all-time record in this country. The ratings are based on all fixtures in which the golfers finish in all fixtures sponsored by the P. G. A. Harry Cooper of Chillicothe, Miss., won the trophy a year ago when Snead was third.

Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

Doubles

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Lee Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Paul Kong and B. Szeto beat J. W. Leonard and G. Choa 6-4, 6-0.

I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu beat Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam 6-1, 6-1.

Singles

S. W. Liang beat N. A. E. Mackay 6-3, 6-2.

F. H. Kwok beat P. S. Leong 6-3, 6-2.

Luk Chun-cheong beat C. R. Bax 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

W. K. Ma beat T. A. Pearce 9-7, 6-3.

Though play in parts reached a high level, the third set was something of an anti-climax. After 2-2 had been reached, the Rumjahns won the next four games for the set. The Chinese resistance weakened considerably in the last few games, even Lee, who had been the steadiest of the four, began to make mistakes, and Lu was caught with the ball at his feet on several occasions as he went hesitantly up to the net.

On the whole, it was a splendid game, providing enough excitement for the large gallery, the majority of whom must have expected a sensational upset after the first set.

EASY VICTORIES

J. W. Leonard and George Choa, who reached the semi-finals last season, were put out by Paul Kong and Szeto Bick in the second round yesterday. The latter pair won with surprising ease by scores of 6-4, 6-0.

The strong all-round game of the winners told its tale. Kong and Szeto revealed few weaknesses yesterday, and on this form, they should go far.

An I.R.C. pair, A. R. Minu and I.M.A. Razack, had little difficulty in accounting for Chan Kam-moon and Wong Fuk-nam of the South China A.A., who were outclassed.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following is the programme:

In-day: Lim Thiam-tet v. Lee Yue-wing

A. Crawford v. Pang Oi-lam

E. C. Fincher v. Paul Kong



Sam Snead

Others in the first 10 and their winnings were: Runyan, 370 points.



The Rumjahn cousins, many times winners of the Colony doubles tennis championship, gave local enthusiasts another thrill at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday when they met Lee Wai-tong and Lu Tak-cheuk, of the Chinese R.C. In the second round. After losing the first set and being 2-3 down in the second, they staged a splendid recovery to win by 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Armstrong To Defend His Welterweight Title In England

London, Feb. 23.

In the first week of April Henry Armstrong, a dual champion of the world, the greatest boxing attraction, bar Joe Louis, in the United States, will sail to England.

Brigadier-General Critchley, travelling ambassador on behalf of himself and his sports enterprises, has pulled off the match on which his mind has been set for many months.

He has fixed Armstrong with Ernle Roderick at the White City Stadium, London, for late May or early June. General Critchley called the good news from New York yesterday, and though he makes no mention of the money he is to pay Homicide Henry—in private life Mr. Henry Jackson, of St. Louis, Missouri—it may be assumed that Henry's visit is not likely to cost a penny less than £10,000.

When the general departed to talk things over with the coloured champion's manager, Eddie Mendoza, it was agreed that negotiations would begin with £7,000 as a basis. From that point Mr. Mendoza expected to go up, and then up some more. Had he gone down, the Managers Union would have branded him as the blackest of blacklegs, and the general would have decided to leave the whole deal.

Also mentioned in the contract is Jake Kilrain, a Scot who is almost forgotten. Kilrain has been going to fight Roderick since the last Derby at Epsom, but what with one thing and another happening to him, Kilrain has had to postpone his return to the ring until Grand National eve at Liverpool.

On that night (March 23) Kilrain and Roderick meet for the British welterweight championship. General Critchley has therefore taken into account a possibility which makes him shudder, that Kilrain might plant an inconsiderate swing on the Roderick chin.

ALL THAT MATTERS

As for Armstrong, he doesn't mind whether Kilrain misses or lands. He is getting £10,000, no matter whom he meets and that's all he cares about.

However, there is no denying at this moment that Armstrong v. Roderick looks the better match. A much-travelled and experienced boxer is Roderick, and a great puncher. Boxing skill has been moulded to a natural fighting style. Roderick can shoot punches from anywhere. He looks the most likely man in Britain, apart from Sydney Wooderson, to give Armstrong a run.

(£7,050) Jimmy Hines of Garden City, New York 310 points, Ralph Guldahl of Madison, N. J. 310 points (£5,927); Henry Fiske of Hershey, Pa. 274 points (\$8,050); Cooper 270 points (\$7,840); Revolta 265 points (\$9,553); Byron Nelson of Reading, Pa. 230 points (\$5,455); Vic Chezi of Dahl N. J. 207 points (\$4,881) and Hinton Smith of Oak Park, Ill. 203 points (\$4,153).

SNEAD VS. THE FIELD

Snead's ascent to the throne was perhaps the most rapid on record. Although he started swinging a shiny stick when he was eight years old, he was unknown beyond the city limits of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., until 1930.

He never won a tournament until he captured the Oakland, Cal. open with a 270 in 1937, then added Bing Crosby's open and pro-amateur the next week. Since then the tournaments have been reduced to Snead's against the field. British United

RECREIO BADMINTON PLAYERS MAY PAY A VISIT TO SHANGHAI

Ladies Should Hold Their Own Up North

(By "The Bird")

Last Evening's Matches

The following were the results of the matches played at Talkoo last evening:

SENIOR SINGLES

F. Koli beat T. F. Yong 17-10, 18-17.

MEN'S DOUBLES

F. S. Han and M. S. Lim beat D. K. and F. H. Kwok 16-13, 17-10.

Harvey Thinks Louis Is Vulnerable

London, Feb. 17.

The heavyweight champion of the British Empire sipped his beer in a dark room off Fleet Street, leaned across the table and said, "if they think I'm a bum in America, they have every right to."

It was Len Harvey speaking—Len Harvey, who in many ways is the most amusing fighter in the world, a man who thinks Joe Louis has a weakness and who would like to prove it in the ring some time.

"If Tommy Farr can go 15 rounds with Louis," Harvey said, "I don't see any reason why I shouldn't give him a tussle. In America I doubt if anyone wants to see me fight. But here in England Louis and I would draw a gate of £100,000 or more."

Like Max Schmeling, Harvey thinks Louis is vulnerable and, like Schmeling, he's keeping it as his own secret.

"Louis can punch," Harvey said. "But there's no rule in boxing that says that you have to let a man crack you with his best punch. My rule is never to give one to land two blows, but to give none and land three. Notice Louis' feet and the position he strikes from. They tell much about his weakness."

REMARKABLE CAREER

Harvey's career is something to write home about in these days of powder-puff punchers and brittle heavyweights. He began fighting at the age of 13, when he weighed only 84 pounds. He has fought in every division from flyweight to heavy weight and has had more than 400 fights. And now, in his 19th year in the ring, Harvey is still clear-eyed and unmarked.

He was asked why he thought people in the United States would consider him a bum. Harvey laughed and recalled that he had three fights in the United States—and lost them all, two to Vince Dundee and one to Ben Jey. That was in 1931 when Harvey was a middleweight.

He should have been a sensation in the United States, he said. "The very first punch I landed floored Vince Dundee for a nine count. I never landed a good punch after that. That two fights I had with Jey were the worst of my career."

FOOTBALL TOURISTS

Straits Team Leaves For Manila And Hongkong

Singapore, Mar. 14.

The Straits Chinese Football Association team left today on board the m.v. Victoria to play a series of football matches against Manila and Hongkong—United Press.

The Straits team is first going to Manila, and on their return journey will pass through the Colony. They are expected here about the end of March, and tentative arrangements have been made by the South China Athletic Association to play against them on April 1 and 2.

Doping Wicket At Oval Alleged

A page from an English weekly, which allegedly shows in a series of photographs the method of doping the Kennington Oval wicket, has been passed on to the Australian Board of Control, by the Victorian Cricket Association delegate, declaring that on such a wicket bowlers stand no chance of displaying their wiles, and the sooner such practice is stopped, the better it will be for cricket.

Mr. Davey, Secretary of the Surrey County Cricket Club, told Reuters that the series of photographs was certainly taken last summer, but pointed out that, so far as the Oval Test wickets were concerned, they were being prepared in-day by the same methods as those of 40 years ago.—Reuters Special.



Henry Armstrong

He is terrific but so is his bill.

Oxford University Beaten At Rugby

London, Mar. 14.

Gordon to-day defeated Oxford University 10-3, winning by 24 points to 10.—Reuters.

Fifth Cricket Test Now Abandoned?

M.C.C. Tourists Close To Sensational Win

Needing 696 runs in the fourth innings to win the Fifth Cricket Test against South Africa at Durban, the M.C.C. have scored 654 for five wickets by tea-time yesterday. Heavy rain and poor light during the interval made resumption of play impossible.

A report, not officially confirmed, states that owing to the necessity for the team to sail for England the Test had to be abandoned as a draw. If this is the case, it is particularly unfortunate for the tourists because they now need only 42 runs to win with five wickets in hand.

Peculiar though this report appears to be, it gains credence owing to the fact that according to the official fixtures of the team, the programme was due to conclude with a match against West Province, which was to have been played on March 11, 13 and 14. The Test, however, has dragged on for 11 days, having started on March 3.

The M.C.C. tourists gained further fame to-day by establishing a world record score for the fourth innings, beating the 572 made by New South Wales against South Australia in Sydney in the 1907-8 season.

It was also England's highest Test score against South Africa, beating the 550 for 9 declared at Capetown on January 9.

There was a small crowd of 300 when Hammond (58) and Paynter (24) resumed their innings. The poor attendance was due to the threatening weather. The wicket appeared to be wearing at the ends, but it was playing easy.

The 500 was hoisted after 620 minutes of play and when 524 was registered Hammond had scored 75 and Paynter 32.

Paynter had made 52 including a couple of fours when the partnership gave 900 runs in 152 minutes. Melville, the home captain, pinned his faith on the pace of the bowlers, but this made no impression on the batsmen who took no risk.

Lunch was taken with the score at 570 for 3. Hammond's score now being 93 and Paynter's 68.

Afternoon's Play

The crowd had increased to 1,500 after lunch, with the weather dull. Hammond reached his 100 in 273

minutes and he had hit three boundaries. A feature of his play was the grand driving to cover and his cutting.

The 602 was reached in 748 minutes. Just when the South Africans looked disconsolate and a better side, Paynter edged a ball from Gordon into Grieverson's hands, 611 for 4. His 75, which included five fours, was made in an aggressive innings marked by fine driving.

At this stage there was a couple of stoppages owing to rain, Ames having joined partnership with Hammond.

The score was taken to 650 when Hammond was stumped by Grieverson off Dalton. Hammond made 140, including seven fours, with fine classic driving. He stayed at the wickets for 340 minutes.

Valentine joined Ames and they carried the total to 654 for 5 when tea was taken. Ames having scored 17 and Valentine 4. The tourists now needed 42 runs to win and they had five wickets in hand.

Scores:

South Africa—First Innings . . . 530

Second Innings . . . 451

M.C.C.—First Innings . . . 316

M.C.C.—Second Innings . . . 654

Total (for 5 wks.) . . . 1,534

Fall of wickets—1 (Hutton) for 78; 2 (Gibb) for 358; 3 (Edrich) for 447; 4 (Paynter) for 611; 5 (Hammond) for 650.—Reuters.

NANCY



Slogans Can Help Golfers A Great Deal

AN AID TO BETTER CONCENTRATION Latest Is: "Stay Behind The Shot"

London, Feb. 14.
James Hines, Metropolitan Open champion, is regarded as almost a certain choice for the United States team to meet Great Britain in this year's Ryder Cup match.
A powerfully built young man of similar physique to R. A. Whitcombe, British Open champion, Hines has gained a reputation as one of the mighty hitters.
Weighing 14 stones, he thinks nothing of rapping out 280 yards drives even with the larger American ball which, in theory, is not supposed to travel as far as the smaller British ball.

He uses a 14½-oz. driver which is considerably heavier than the normal weight. Unless unusually strong in the hands, wrists, and forearms it is inadvisable to employ a driver of that weight, the tendency being for the club to swing the player instead of conversely.
There is a mistaken notion that the heavier the club the longer the drive; actually the exact opposite is the case, writes a correspondent.
The chief factor of length is speed of clubhead at impact—the greater the speed, the greater the length. For the average player the maximum weight is 13½ oz., the best results being obtained with a club of 13 oz.
Inexperienced and ill-informed players should be warned that it does not follow because Hines can hit tremendous distances with a heavy club, they can do the same. Hines is an interesting personality, being the chief exponent of the style known as "staying behind the shot".
Americans are fond of slogans which have their use if only to help the player to concentrate on one thing at a time. One of the most

useful is "Hit past the chin," a neat, clear-cut phrase which has done more to assist the player to keep his head down and to look at the ball than anything else.

It is the unshakable belief of a friend of mine that by concentrating on this slogan, and repeating slowly to himself the four words, "Hit past the chin," his handicap has come down six strokes to single figures in eight months. Some day he hopes to reach the scratch mark.

ANOTHER SECRET

It may be that some other golfer has secreted the information contained in the phrase, "Stay behind the shot" will make similar rapid progress.
Hines claims that it is the secret of long hitting, and good golf in general. Allowing the body to move forward in the direction of the hole as the downward movement of the hands is made is one of the main reasons why the "rabbit" remains a "rabbit".
The principal symptoms are body sway—and the failure to keep the head at its anchorage during the back swing. Further, the left side is allowed to give way, a condition not surprising since too much of the weight of the body is shifted to the right leg.
In these circumstances, there is not sufficient time to get it back and build up a firmly braced left leg and side.
Because the ball in relation to the weight, speed, and momentum of the club offers little more resistance than a piece of cotton wool, the player has to find something to hit against. In his case the fulcrum is the left side from the foot upwards.
A flabby left side means a flabby, ruined shot. Hines's pigeon-toed stance is typical of Cotton's address. In the case of the American player the stance is adopted to restrict the body turn, too much of which he regards as highly dangerous.
The backward swing of the hands is also curtailed; the point reached being slightly higher than the shoulders.
In this way Hines is able to keep the shots consistently straight without sacrificing length because of his great inherent strength, and, most important of all, he "stays behind the shot".
In the effort to keep his 14 stones behind the blow Hines almost gives the impression of falling backwards, a position known in America as a "Charley horse".

AN IMPORTANT HINT

A vertical line drawn from the left heel, which is dug into the turf, shows the whole body well behind the line. The follow-through indicates that the right hand, as in the case of all the experts, has taken control just before impact and carried on to a complete and uninterrupted finish.
While unable to drive as far as Hines, we may be able to hit farther and straighter by adopting the counsel, "Stay behind the shot".
Marcel Dallemagne, the Frenchman, who is one of the world's longest hitters, has no slogans to offer in the way of advice. According to him, length depends on three factors—physical strength, speed of down swing, and accuracy in hitting.
He regards physical strength as the principal factor, and it is significant that no examples exist of exceptionally long hitters who lack power. Strength lies chiefly in the wrists and forearms, for, according to their muscular development, the player will either be a long or a short hitter.
In the case of Hines, he has enormously big, powerful hands and the muscular forearms of a blacksmith. But there are some players of aver-

143,982 PAID £11,269 TO SEE F.A. CUP "SERIAL"

By Charles Buchan

London, Feb. 3.
After five and a half hours of strenuous football spread over three games, West Ham United beat Tottenham Hotspur yesterday in the replayed fourth round F.A. Cup tie at Highbury.

In the second period of extra time Meneally scored the goal that gave West Ham the right to visit Portsmouth in the fifth round on Saturday week.

The aggregate attendance at the three games was 143,982, the receipts totalling £11,269. There were 42,146 at the first game at Upton Park, 50,708 at White Hart Lane, and 50,468 at Highbury.

Each club will be richer, as a result of the ties, to the extent of about £3,500.
The F.A. takes 5 per cent. of the receipts at each replay, while roughly one-sixth is paid in entertainment tax.

ALL PAY

With the expenses for the three games, including the fee for playing

at the Arsenal Stadium, more than one-third of the gross receipts is paid away.

Proof that Cup ties are the biggest attraction in football is given by the fact that there were 14,000 more people present than at the important League game between Arsenal and Wolverhampton Wanderers the previous day.
All must pay is one of the rules for Cup ties, but I was surprised to find that several players of other League clubs were refused admission on production of their players' cards.
I spoke to several from Fulham, Brentford and Queen's Park Rangers who were indignant at being compelled to pay.

CRICKET CLUB ELEVENS

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong C.C. in League matches against the Club de Reccro on Saturday:

1st XI (Away).—H. Owen Hughes, T. A. Pearce, J. C. L. Pearce, G. P. Longfield, J. L. Halsey, M. F. L. Haymes, J. H. Fox, W. P. Richardson, W. G. Neus, D. Brynn-Grower, D. O. Parsons.
2nd XI (Home).—E. J. R. Mitchell, C. W. E. Bishop, R. M. Stark, T. E. Potter, H. J. D. Lowe, D. S. Robb, N. P. Fox, G. E. R. Divett, C. D. N. Walker, H. J. Armstrong, R. M. M. King, V. C. Bond (12th man).

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

The final of the Ladies' Championship played on the Old Course at Fanning yesterday afternoon resulted in a win for Mrs. I. W. Shewan, who beat Mrs. J. F. King four and two.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Canton University Economics Society will be held at the University auditorium on Friday, March 17, at 7 p.m.
During the meeting, new officers will be elected and many resolutions will be placed before the members. All members, past and present, are cordially invited to attend.

HOCKEY TOURNEY C.B.A. And D.G.S. Draw In Brawn Cup Match

An evenly contested Brawn Cup hockey match, ending in a draw of 1-1, was played between the Central British Association and the Diocesan Girls School in Kowloon yesterday.
Playing on their own ground, the school girls missed many chances to score through hastiness and misjudgment in handling the ball when close to goal. Scores opened in the second half when Miss E. Wooley converted for C.B.A. as a result of a short corner.
The school girls succeeded towards the end of the game when A. Chan netted after breaking through the opposition on her own.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was more activity in the market to-day, and the turnover was fairly large, particularly in Stocks which were dealt in at \$18.50/\$19¼ for the Old and \$18.10/18¼ for the new shares. Electrics at \$50½/57, and Watsons at \$9.05/9.15.

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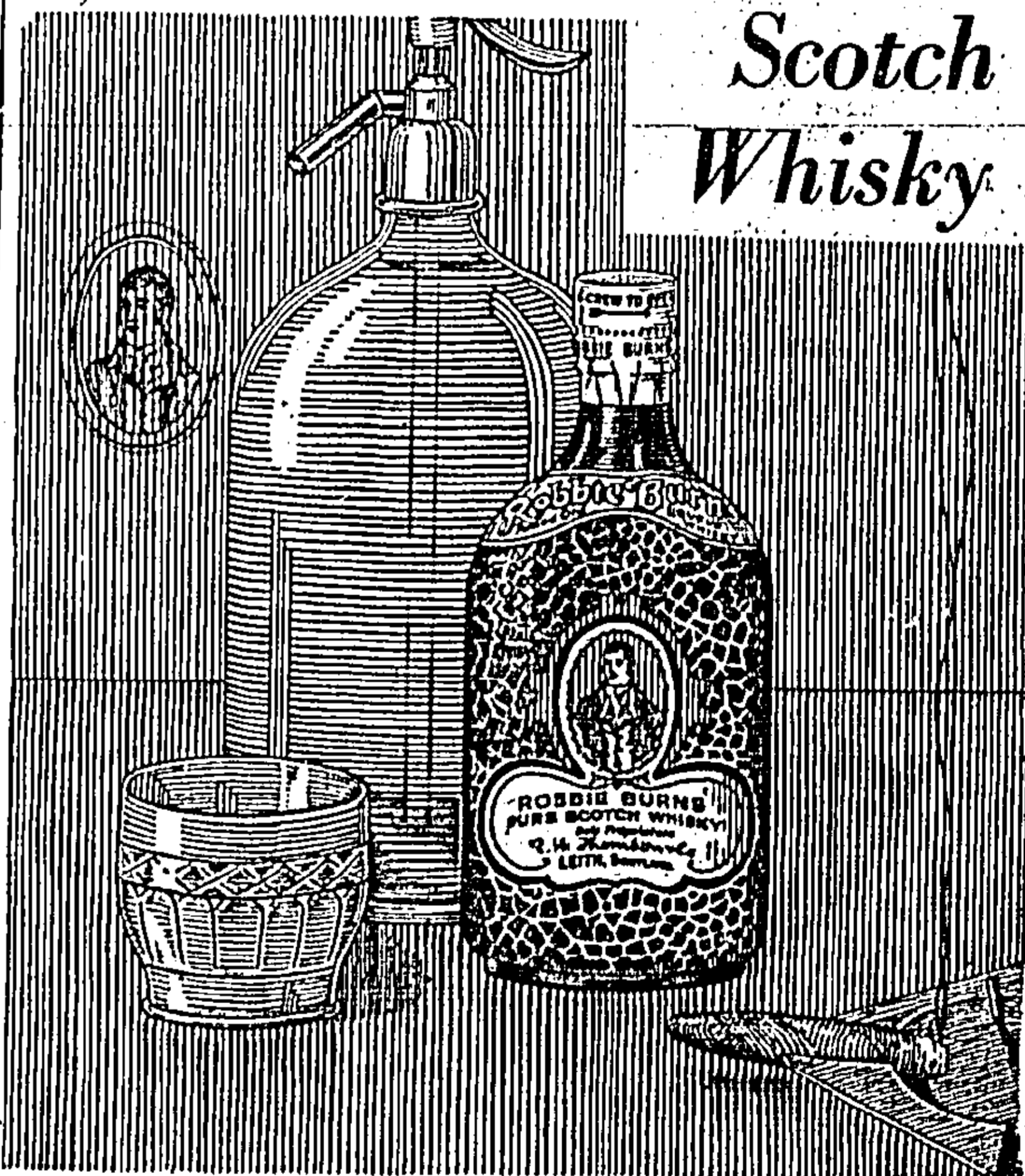
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OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) trajectory—winnable—windfalls—tranquil—stupefaction—classification



Let's fatal arrow strikes Joan Parker and John Deal, the romantic leads in the new Bob Burns comedy-drama, of "home-town" life, "The Arkansian Traveller," which opens to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

Acquiring Balance

THEORETICALLY, we always long as you can, up to a minute, think of a woman as being graceful, but actually, only a small proportion of womanhood are really graceful as one expects them to be, whether they are dancing, walking, sitting, or doing anything else. Grace depends on a number of things, of course, but one of the most important is balance.

You may, at first, think there is no connection between balance and grace, but anyone who has anything to do with physical culture will tell you that an ability to balance with ease has a direct effect on the physical movements of everyday life, since they tend assurance, ease, and control to the whole being.

Head Exercises

Next some head exercises. Balancing on one foot, and keeping your hands on your hips, move the head, at first very gently, forward and up again, then similarly to the sides and back. As your balance becomes surer, you can move the head more vigorously. Then you can try an even harder exercise, that is, bending the head forward, then all round in a complete circle and up again. Shaking the head, at first gently, then move vigorously, is another thing to do. Don't allow yourself to become agitated if you wobble when doing exercises. If you cannot steady yourself, just drop the second foot and rest for a second or two. If you allow yourself to get worried and hot and bothered, you will completely spoil your chances of acquiring balance, for your subconscious mind will become worried and will lose confidence permanently. Keep calm and assured all the time. Balancing exercises give you poise, and they are well worth a little practice.

Body Exercises

The first and simplest exercise is to stand on one leg, with foot turned out, of course, and to raise the other slowly, keeping the foot well and stretched down and the bent knee smartly out. Keep this position as

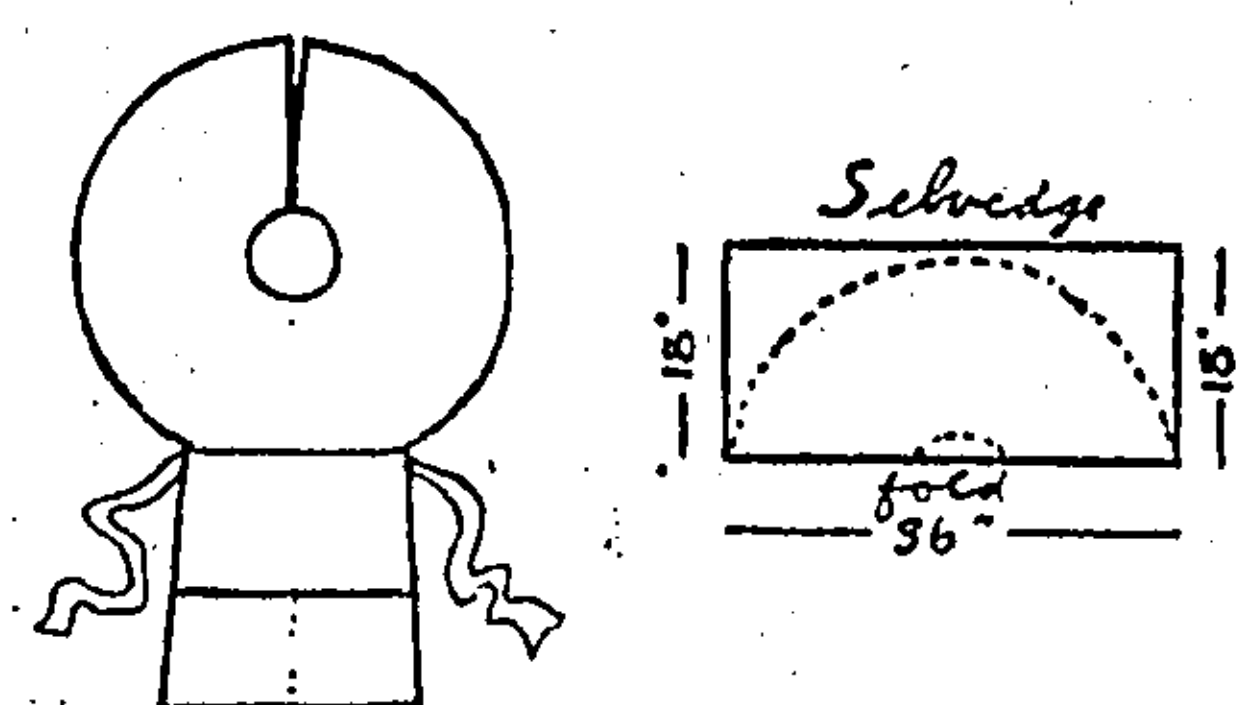
Make-up apron

Cut it out in gay cotton, wear it when you do your face

IN these days of elaborate coiffures and closefitting dresses, we have to make up and "do" our hair after slipping on our frocks. Powder and blobs of cream are likely to fall on nice new dresses, and hairs drop on to our shoulders.

This useful apron will prevent all that. Its cape top will protect your shoulders and the pocketed front part will take care of your skirt. A supply of cotton-wool, cleansing tissues, orange sticks, etc., can be kept in the pockets.

The upstanding neckband can be tucked into highnecked dresses so that the neck can be creamed and powdered without any damage to the dress.



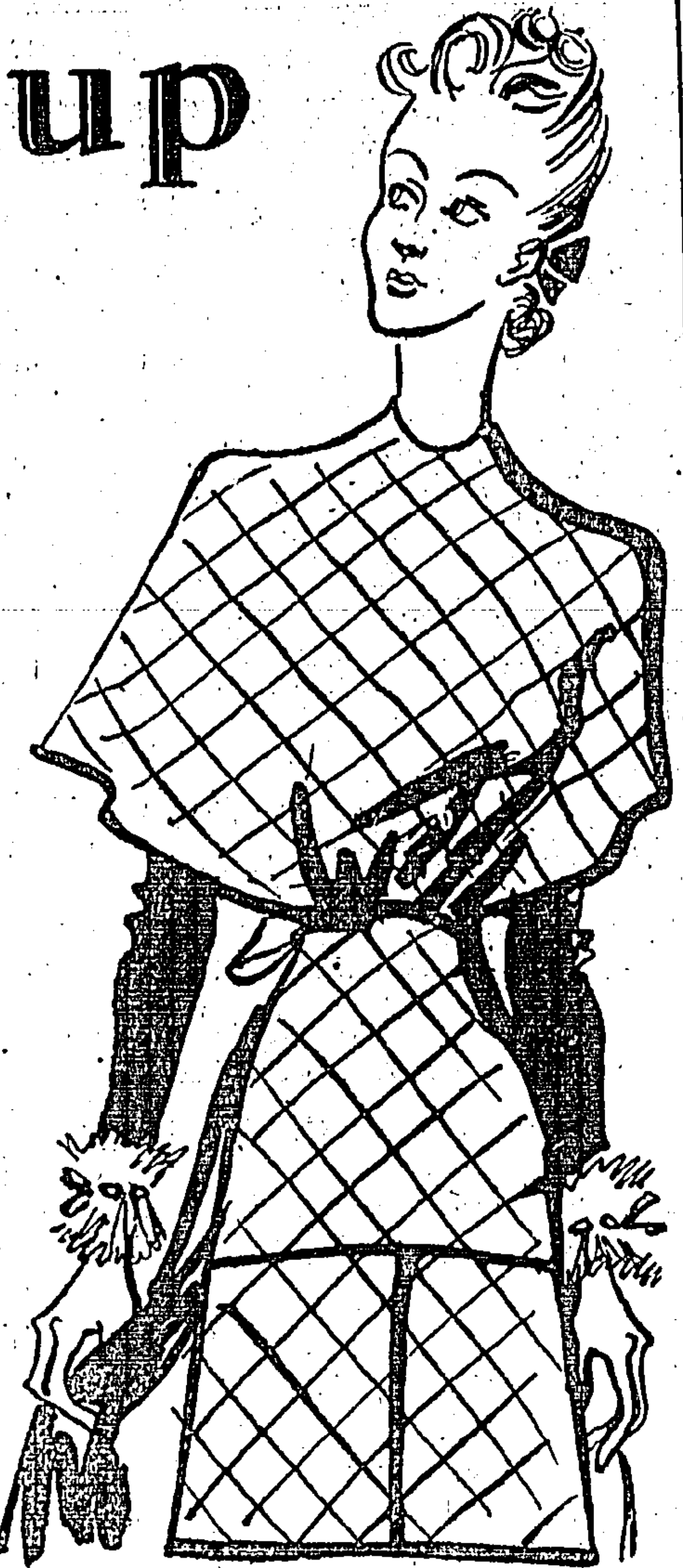
What You Need

To make the apron you need 1 1/2 yds. of 38 in. wide checked seersucker and 1/2 yd. of plain material. Seersucker washes like the proverbial rag, and does not lose its colours.

Cut the odd 1/2 yd. from the checked material, leaving a piece, 36 in. square. Fold this in halves and cut it into a large semicircle, as shown in the diagram. Cut out a small semicircle for the neck. Open the material into a circle and cut a slit from neck to hem for the back opening.

Cut the 1 1/2 yd. of checked material in halves lengthwise. Slit one end of one of the pieces to the front of the circular piece, matching the centres.

Measure off nine inches from the remaining piece of material. This is for the pocket. Cut off an inch or two from the bottom of the apron skirt if it is too long for you, then sew on the pocket. The sketch will show you how this should look. A line of stitching up the middle will divide the pocket into two.



Turn under a 1/2 in. hem all round the apron and stitch it neatly, or else cut narrow crossway strips from the plain material and bind the edges. This looks very much nicer, but takes longer to do.

Bind the top of the pocket.

Cut a crossway band 2 1/2 in. wide from the plain fabric. Bind the neck with this to make an upstanding neckband 1 in. wide.

Apron Strings

Attach apron strings of the plain material to each side of the skirt at the waist. A piece of tape should be sewn to each side of the neck opening, and the apron is finished.

For visits away from home a special "best" apron can be made from a "loss" serviceable fabric, but be sure that it will wash. It is only when you have been wearing an apron for a couple of weeks that you will realise how much it saves your dresses!



Shown here is a dotted tailored frock with four pockets and red leather belt, and striped print bolero with black basic frock.



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Youthful Married Women

HOW do you manage to keep looking so young? I asked a married woman of my acquaintance the other day. Although she has been married for over eight years, has two young children, and runs the home with only occasional help, she does not look older than I remember her in pre-marriage days.

She replied modestly that she did not know, and quite frankly, did not think anything about it. So I was left to ponder over the reason, having as a background, for my thoughts the fact that so many married women seem to grow older than the years warrant, and so many single women retain their youth till self-acknowledged middle age.

But something my friend let slip gave me a clue. "This is my night for the theatre," she said. She went on to explain that ever since she had married she had reserved one night in the week for her girlhood friends. They spent this one night together. During the winter months they went to an entertainment, and in the summer there was tennis, or occasionally golf or a walk in the country. She looked forward to that night in the week, and had scarcely missed it in all the years of her married life.

Marvelling at the unusual length of such friendship, I became dimly aware of difficulties. "But the children?" "I murmured. "Oh, my husband knows this is my night out and he tries to stay in, and, if he cannot, we get someone to come in." I also learned that both husband and wife arranged a night out by themselves each week if it were possible, even if it were only to have supper together in town.

In a Nut

Perhaps there is more in this than we think. We married women are so prone to settle down. For the first few weeks or months we retain something of our energy even in being entertained or in sport or in friendship and companionship, but gradually we become tied to the home. It is so easy to slip into ways which, while they may do justice to the home, do not do justice to ourselves.

Fashion Notes

EVENING dresses are on the whole as brilliant as butterflies. They are frequently designed in chiffon of five or more different colours, the bands of each being worked diagonally across the corsage, and then allowed to flare down the full skirt. Butterflies, indeed, are ultra-smart this season, and they are to be seen in muslin, in painted satin, in chiffon, and in lace.

Richer colours are worked in vertical bands of gradually increasing length on some of the new models. Green butterflies on a green tulle frock are matched by bows of green in butterfly form on a wrap to top the dress.

A cream dinner dress seen has a giraffe of straw and linen.

Feathers add an agreeable note to many ensembles. Shoulder-capes are seen in ostrich feathers in two tones of one colour or in many colours. Feathers of orange and white border a striped transparent cape over an orange gown. The cape is worn with a spangly cap.

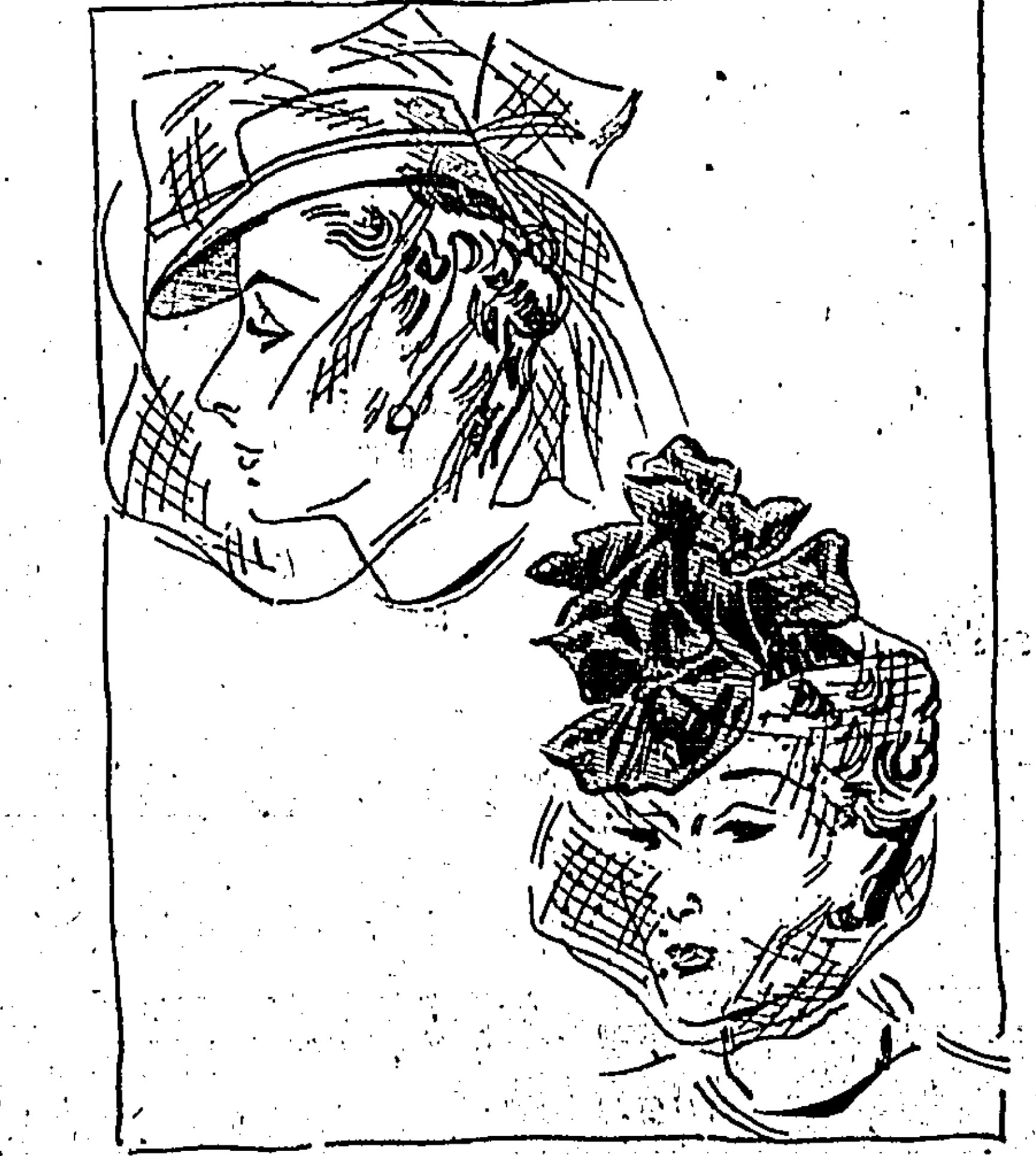
Train can now be hooked up on to the skirt or left down, as the occasion demands. In some cases, trains are abandoned in favour of dresses which just clear the floor. This means, however, that the shoes are just visible, and hence considerable attention has been given to foot-wear in materials to match the dresses.

How often, for example, we forgo the companionship of those who were our friends before we were married. Sometimes a bride invites to tea or supper the companions of her youth, office friends, girl acquaintances, ostensibly to celebrate the occasion of the marriage. Sometimes parties, for too often they are farrowed to the youthful friends, occupations, and interests of pre-marriage days.

It may be said that we cannot have it both ways, but would not our home even be brighter if we were brighter ourselves?

Youthfulness these days is not so much a matter of years as of one's attitude to life. And what may be felt within is reflected without. Those who feel young may more easily look young.

L. T.



Fashion dictates that veils with complement Spring hats, be they simple or dainty. At left, the slightly mushroom, "quava crepe" hat in white is connected in a fine black veil. The purple veil brings out one of the colours of the turban in changeable taffeta at right.

I Don't Understand My Son

I AM bitterly disappointed about my son. When he was a child I looked forward to his being grown up. I expected to find him a pal; I imagined we would have many interests in common, and that our companionship would be fun.

But the fact is I cannot get to grips with him. He is twenty-two, has a worth-while job in the City, and has never given cause for any anxiety, but as for my knowing what gets on in his mind or what his ambitions are, or his being a pal of mine, he might just as well be a complete stranger.

Sometimes I begin to have my suspicions. I feel forced to think that I cannot get to grips with him because there is nothing to grip. Is he hollow, a sham, a man lacking in guts?

I suspect that my son gets along quite well because he has not sufficient character to go wrong, is too lackadaisical to kick over the traces. **Apparent Lack of Interest**

He indulges in most modern pursuits—has a car of his own, plays tennis, stays out late at night, but he does it all with an air of not being particularly interested.

The same thing applies to business and politics. He never offers me a word about his affairs in the city, and when I ask him how he is getting on he replies with a "Quite O.K., Dad," and that is as far as we get.

I have not any idea what his politics are. I have never heard him drop a word of dislike for "the other side" or of praise for "our side." The wrongs of this, that, or the other party or people do not rouse a flicker of indignation.

Why, I would prefer it if he was burning red-hot for the side whose views are opposed to mine; I would feel then that he had some opinions and the guts to back them up. "Politics," he utters scornfully, whenever I broach the subject.

In my youth I was cast in a very different mould. I was interested in everything, and went full out for the interest of the moment. No one could never accuse me of lack of enthusiasm, and the blunders I made were of commission rather than omission.

And that brings me to the possibility that I am making a blunder now. Am I blaming my son for my not being able to get to grips with him when the fault is really mine? Is it not perhaps, the eternal problem of youth never to be truly understood by the old?

Maybe there is some special shrewdness behind this apparent lack of interest. Maybe he shows no sign of ambition because in his own way he is planning carefully for the future.

A Superior Philosophy?

Is his refusal to shout for this or that political badge the sign of a superior philosophy which knows that the promised millennium will come from neither?

Perhaps he regards my political enthusiasms as something rather pitiable and refuses to discuss them to spare my feelings.

I am beginning to think that after all there is behind the apparently youth a hardness and resolution which are all the more valuable through their lack of outward show.

Are we old ones wrong and the young ones right?

Do they regard our enthusiasms as so much ballyhoo?

I am beginning to believe that my son and all our sons would fight to the death, in the gun-pit and trench if need be, for what they consider, in their cold, logical way, to be right.

Their apparent lack of enthusiasm is due to scorn of flag-waving, drum-beating, and all the ballyhoo of patriotism.

That is why I cannot get to grips with my son.

He and I live in remotely different worlds, and this lack of common ground is part of the price the older generation must pay for having made such an "atholy mess of the world that was ours."

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ACROSS

1-Spiral inclined plane
2-Scissors
3-Sacred cantata
4-New Zealand native
5-Marching band
6-Old womanhood
7-Force
8-Boat
9-Part of foot
10-Confederate general
11-Substance
12-Deviated
13-Suburban
14-Home
15-Leaf for shoe lace
16-Small oil
17-Mountain area
18-He dressed as
19-Idea worn in suit
20-Divorce failed
21-Abbreviated
22-Transgression
23-Worried
24-Interacted
25-Entered
26-Vast continent
27-Female horse
28-Circumlocution
29-Blatant to gambling
30-Blank
31-Province in Ecuador
32-Particular
33-Crimes area
34-Not very important
35-Period of time
36-To the left

DOWN

1-Placed expression
2-Do not best
3-Border
4-Refers
5-Charming trick
6-Agrees
7-Speaking characters
8-One who gives aid for unbecoming pronoun
9-Caused by tides
10-Make happy
11-Dorsetshire
12-Fat
13-Clare
14-Who who angers
15-Insect
16-Lark
17-Viper
18-Frill
19-In addition
20-Fresh statue
21-Unit of work
22-Maiden name
23-Trove
24-Body of water
25-Velvet
26-Mud
27-Propulsion (Latin)
28-General moral state
29-Lack of interest
30-Old man's name
31-Pre-natal material
32-Damper
33-In direction of
34-Porter
35-Dinner
36-Vain
37-Necessity decreased
38-Mind at law
39-Veritable

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ABOVE: Miss J. R. Donaldson arrives at the Kowloon Union Church with Mr. J. D. Thomson for her marriage to Mr. E. W. Coulson.

LEFT: Bridal group photographed after the Coulson-Donaldson wedding—King's Studio.



ABOVE: Miss Violet Bradbury who was bridesmaid at the Coulson-Donaldson wedding.



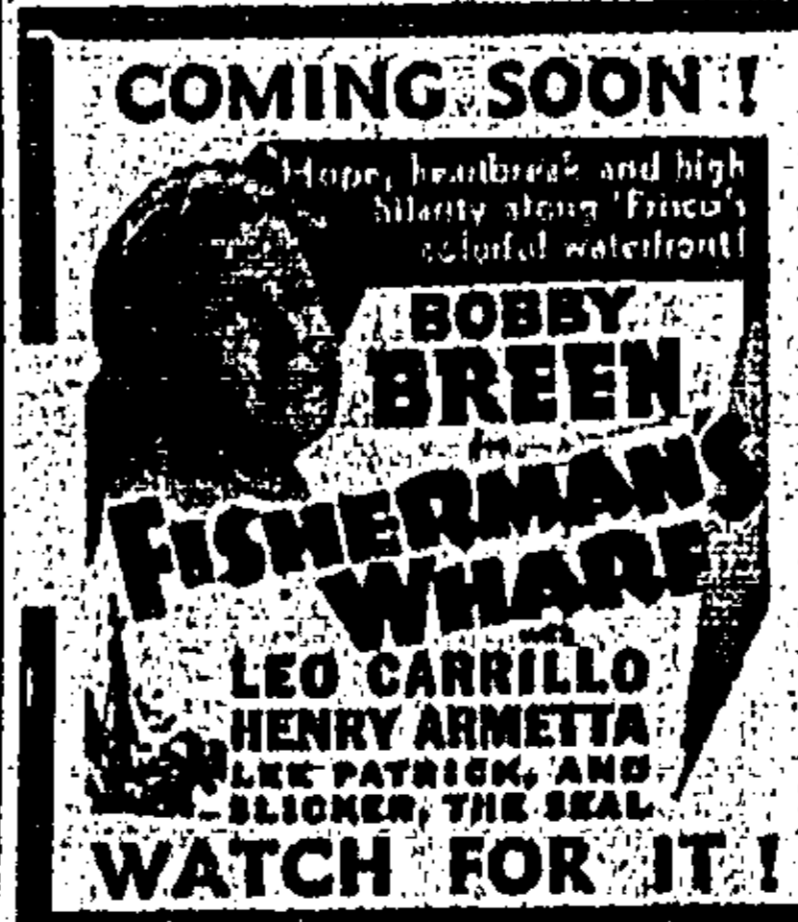
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Czech Reign Of Terror Is Alleged

Pressburg, Mar. 14.
The reign of Czech terror which has been raging against the Slovaks and Germans for days was extended yesterday also to the Hungarian minorities.
In the Carpatho-Ukrainian town of Nagyszele near Székesfehérvár, Czech troops opened fire on the town council, consisting mostly of Hungarians, one of whom was seriously wounded.
—Trans-Ocean.

Appeal to Reich

Prague, Mar. 14.
Reports received here from the German minority centres in Czechoslovakia reveal that the Czech reign of terror continues with martial law being proclaimed in the various towns and districts.
The conditions at Igla are said to be especially bad. Not a single window pane of the houses occupied by Germans was left unsmashed, and many dwellings were demolished by the Czech mob, apparently consisting chiefly of Marxists and Communists, who are again playing a leading role in confusing the political situation.
The local leader of the German Party at Igla, Dr. Haneemann, issued an urgent appeal to the German public in the Reich saying: "We beg that help be sent us. The life of every German in Igla and the environs is in danger."—Trans-Ocean.

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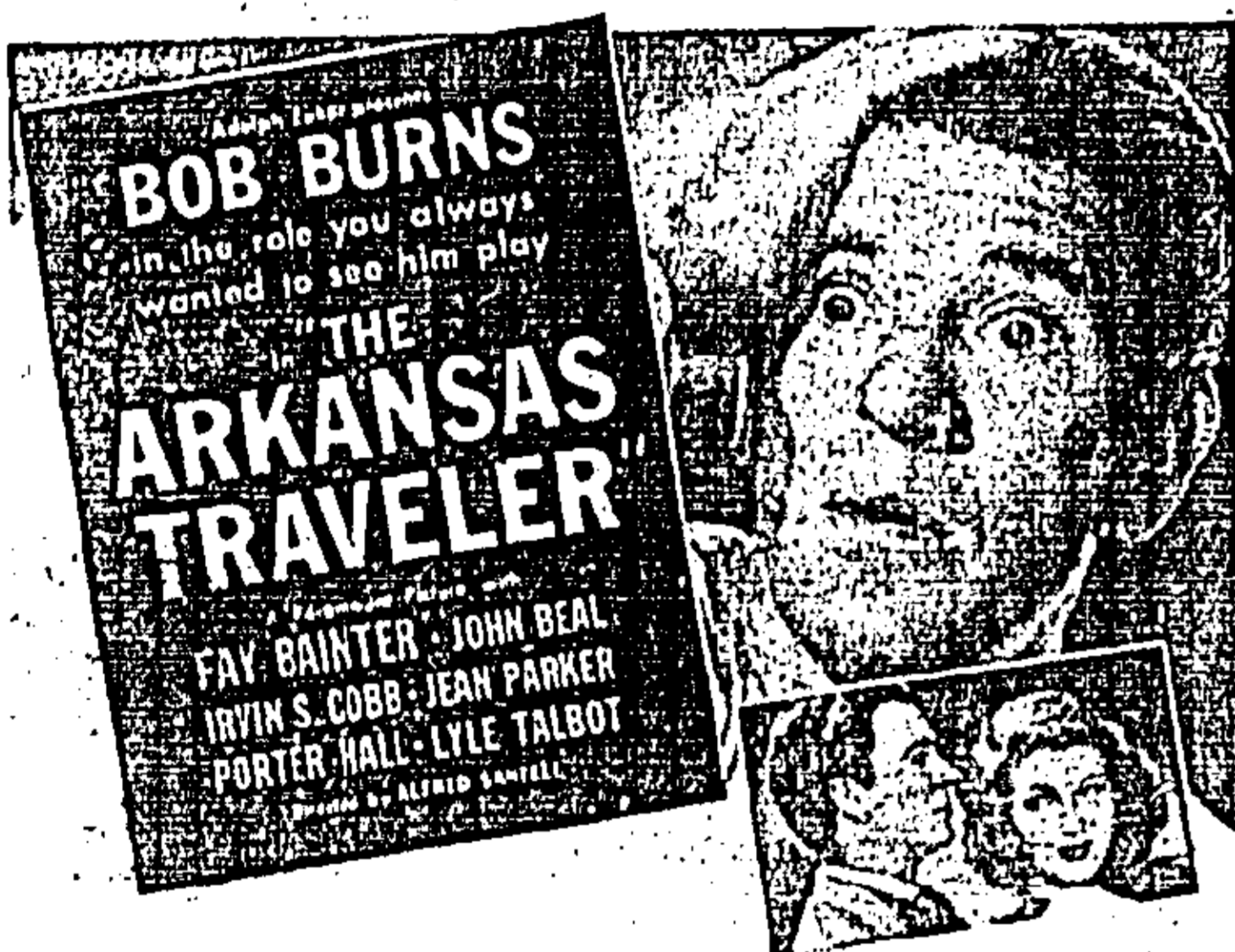


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Declaration Of Independence By Slovakia Set Armies On Move

BRATISLAVA, Mar. 14.

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M. Tiso formally made the declaration of independence, which the Diet unanimously approved.

It is reported that immediately afterwards, Jews began to flee to Moravia in large numbers.

The Slovak Premier, Dr. Tiso, issued the following proclamation to the Slovak people to-day in conjunction with the declaration of independence.

"Slovakia! At this extremely grave moment, we, the authorised representatives of the Slovak people, address ourselves to you, and to all the peoples of the world who are free, and thus appreciate this value of national liberty.

"Events have transpired during the past few days on the soil of our homeland under pressure of armed Czech power which violate the most natural laws of humanity and nations. The object in all of this was to deprive our people of that which they had gained at great sacrifice. The intention was to place us again under a yoke that would not be lighter than the one we formerly bore.

ALL IN VAIN

"We did everything in our power to achieve a solution which would be acceptable to us and to the Czech people. We were willing to deprive ourselves of many things to which we had a legitimate right, in order to come to an understanding with the Czechs. All of our endeavours were in vain.

"The political representatives of the Czech people believed that through various measures they could force us to capitulate. The President of the Republic dismissed in an unconstitutional manner the Slovak national Government on the night of March 9. This act is intolerable, both from the political and legal viewpoint, because the Slovak Diet voted its confidence in the National Government on February 23. Nor do paragraphs in the Constitution dealing with the autonomy of Slovakia give the President the right to dismiss the Slovak National Government on the basis of a one-sided decision, and to appoint a new body.

AUTONOMY ABOLISHED

"The autonomy of Slovakia which was promised to us a long time ago, and finally granted by Law last autumn, has been abolished. Through this act, however, relations between the Slovak and Czech peoples lost their constitutional basis. The Prague Government turned to armed force and thus created a situation which was long incompatible with the relations between peoples of equal rights, but on the other hand signifies a Czech dictatorship over us, and an attempt to compel us to submit.

"History will prove that our conscience is clear and that God is our witness that we wished only for the best.

"The responsible leaders of the Czech people repudiated our goodwill with force. Against the Czech people we have no grievance, but this nation is governed by men who have learnt nothing from the past. The enemy of our national destiny is great, but God in his justice, is greater, and he will not forsake us in this very grave hour of our national existence.

POLITICAL DEATH

"The day has arrived when we must take the destiny of our people into our own hands if we wish to rescue the nation from political death. If we desire to secure the future for our people, we must terminate mutual political life with the Czech nation, and we have therefore resolved to claim complete independence for our Slovak people.

"We are convinced that this step is in the interests of peaceful relations between the Czech and Slovak people, of the God-given right of self-determination for all nations, of order in Slovakia and Central Europe, and especially of the future of our own beloved Slovak people.

"As the duly authorised representatives of the Slovak people, we herewith exercise our sovereign right, and declare the independence of Slovakia."

PRAGUE GRANTS FREEDOM

Prague, Mar. 14.
The Slovak declaration of independence is recognised in the following statement broadcast from Prague this afternoon:

"Slovakia has adopted a new course, and, following due deliberation, had decided in favour of independence. Czechs and Slovaks have co-operated for 20 years, and during this period collaboration was certainly not to the disadvantage of the Slovaks. Throughout this time, the Czechs, as well as the Slovaks, were guided in their efforts by the will to benefit themselves and their mutual state.

"To-day the Federal bond between Bohemia and Slovakia ceases to exist, and each of us will pursue an individual existence.

"On this occasion, when two brotherly nations take leave of each other, we can truthfully assert that the Czech people have never entertained feeling of enmity for the Slovaks.

"We desire from the bottom of our heart that the Slovak nation will reap success in its future independent existence, and that the Slovak people will acquire economic conditions conforming with the requirements of the nation.

"The Czech State is now faced with a number of problems, which differ considerably from former tasks. We are beginning a new epoch in our national life, and it is necessary that we take up the work of leadership with a spirit of unity, discipline, and prudence.

"In our co-operation with the Slovak independent State we shall

retain friendly recollections, realising as we do, that political frontiers cannot separate the hearts of people who have been together for so many years."—Trans-Ocean.

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LATE NEWS

Eurasia Plane Still Missing

Chungking, Mar. 15.
Despite exhaustive inquiries and searches from the air, the missing Eurasia plane was still unlocated this morning.

It is now established that the machine carried a crew of four and four passengers. The crew comprised the pilot, co-pilot, wireless operator and mechanic, all Chinese.

Two passengers boarded the machine at Chengtu and two at Chungking.

The accident occurred at 4.7 p.m. on Sunday when the last distress message was received.

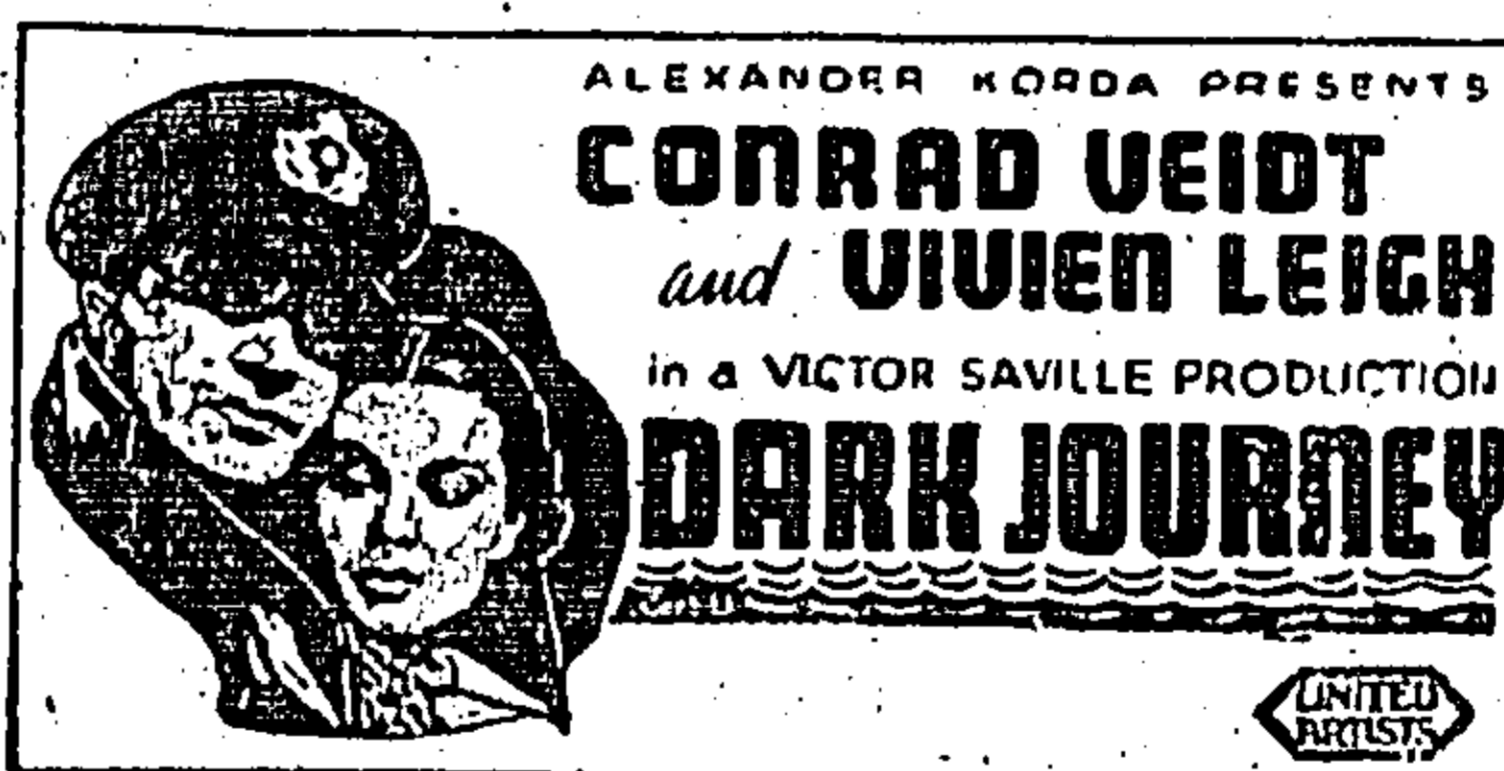
The machine is believed to have made a forced landing on the mountain south of Sifu and north of Hsuanchen. It is estimated that it will take at least three or five days before the survivors can reach the nearest telegraph office.—Reuter.

Galento To Fight Louis If Fit

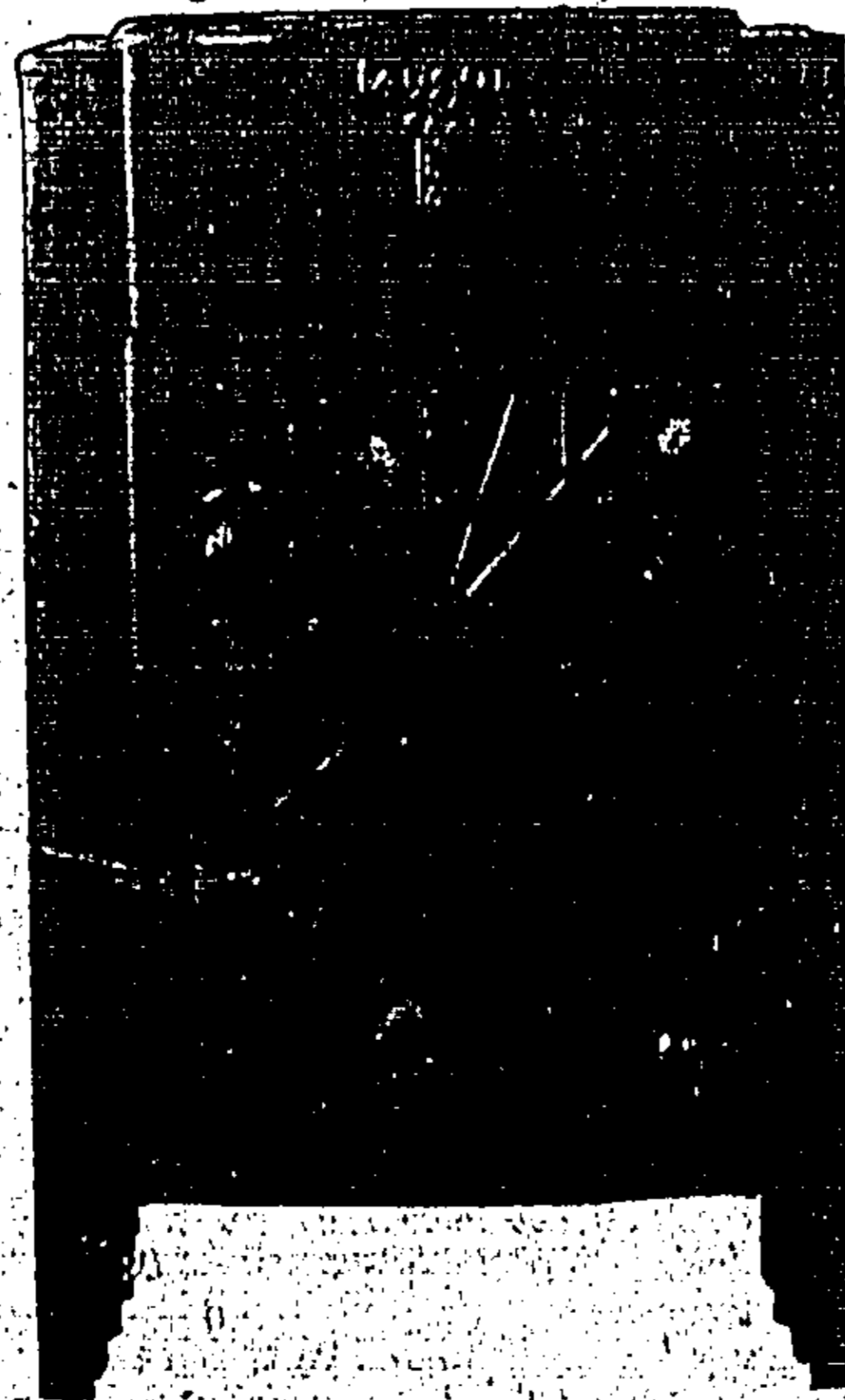
New York, Mar. 15.
The State Athletic Commission has agreed to sanction a world title fight between the holder, Joe Louis, and "Two-Ton" Tony Galento at the Yankee Stadium on June 28 provided Galento appears before several commissioners and doctors on Tuesday next for examination and is pronounced physically fit to engage in the bout.—Reuter.

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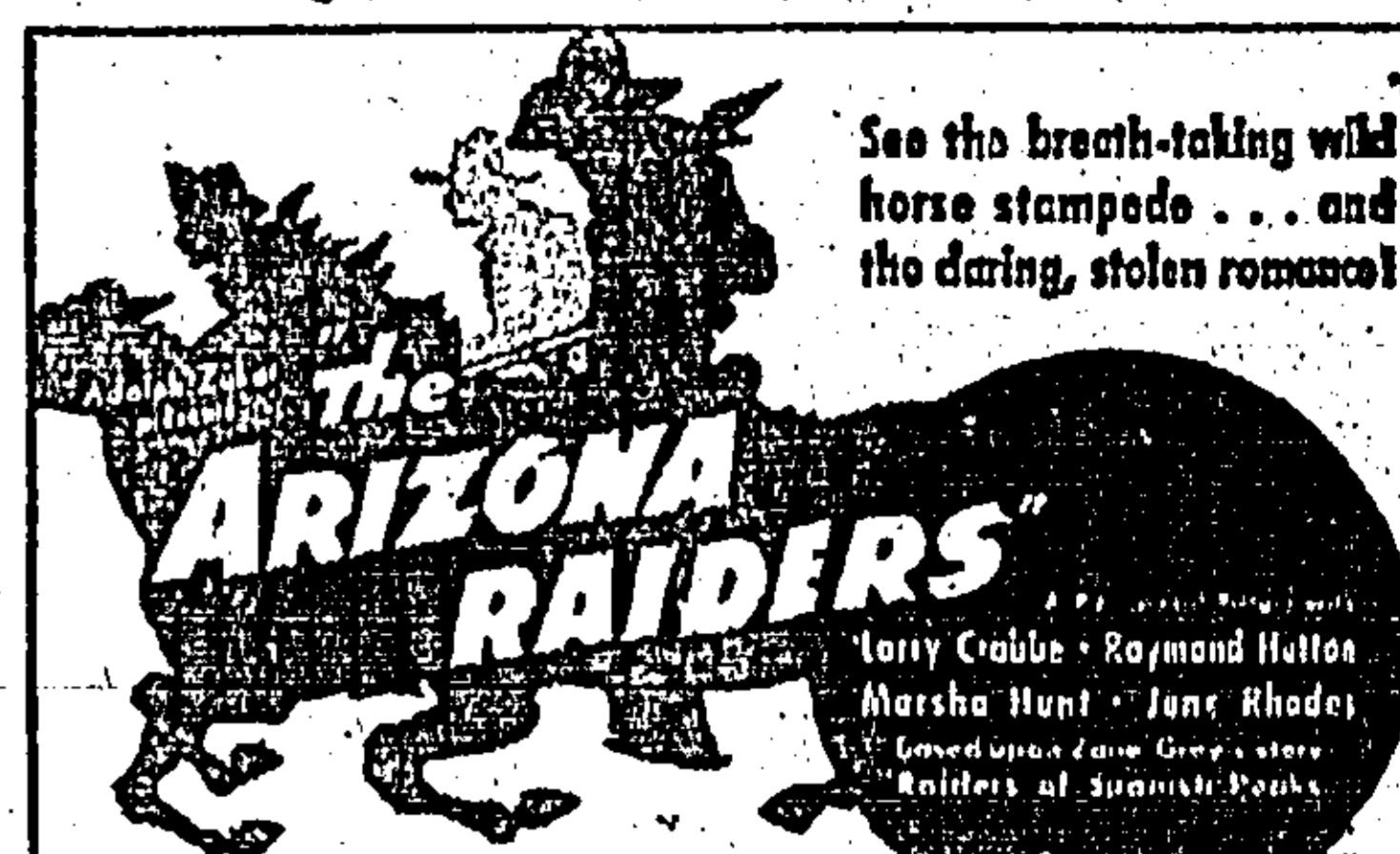
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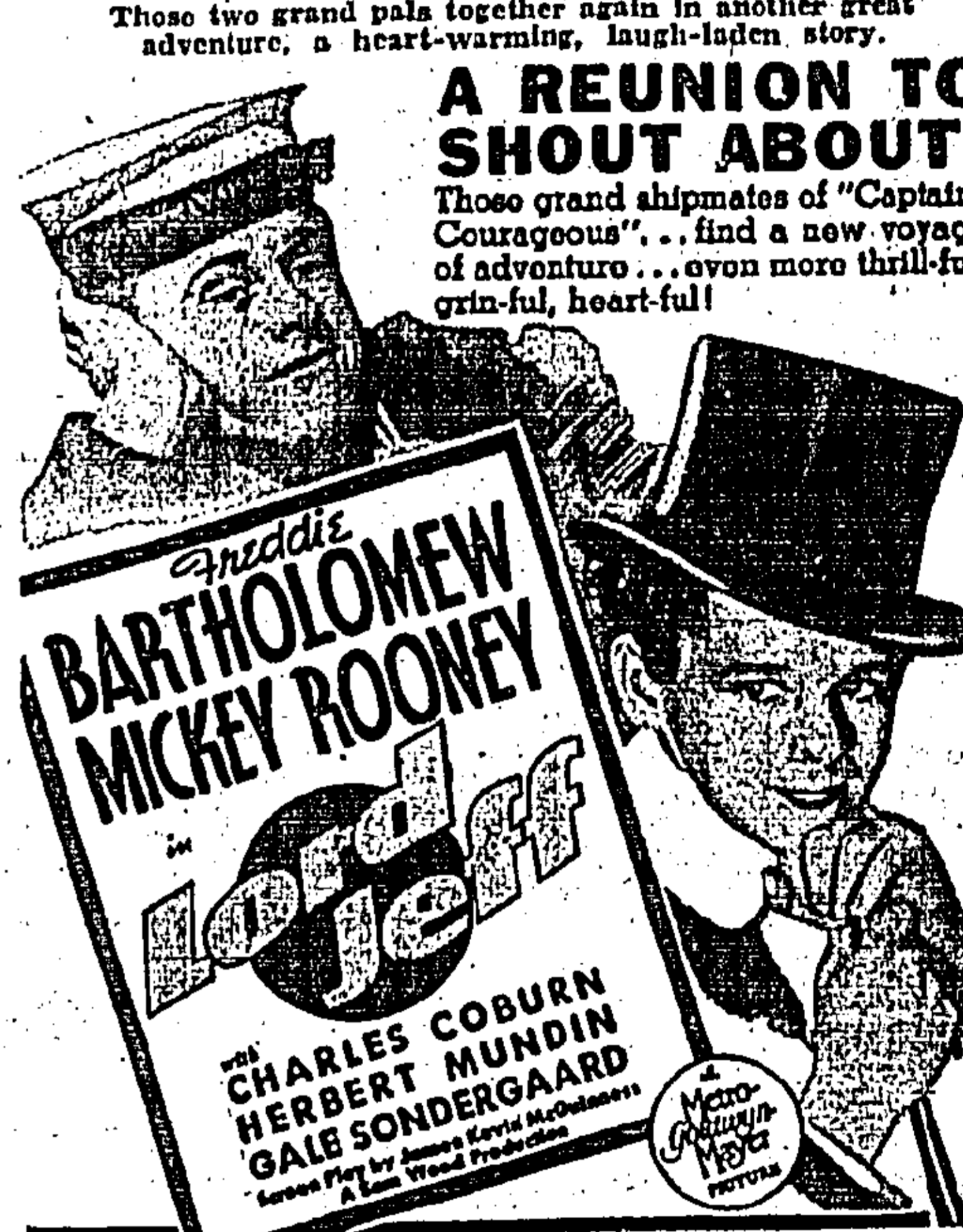
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Italy To Make Her Demands

Rome, Mar. 14.
Signor Mussolini is authoritatively reported to be preparing to voice Italy's "natural aspirations" shortly, in view of the fact that the Czechoslovakian crisis has centred world attention on Central Europe.

Political circles attach importance to to-morrow's Council of Ministers, which is expected to discuss Italy's aspirations in the light of the new developments in Czechoslovakia, following the coronation of the Pope.—United Press.

Syrian Cabinet Resigns

Damascus, Mar. 14.
The Syrian Cabinet has resigned, it is proclaimed, as a protest against the Government's refusal officially to promise ratification of the Franco-Syrian Treaty of 1936.—United Press.

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